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Artist's renderings of the new Connerville Senior Citizens Center, above, and the new Ardmore Senior Citizens Center.

Gov. Bill Anoatubby, right, speaks to the gathering of Chickasaw elders and other attendees during the May 27 groundbreaking for the new Senior Citizens Center in Connerville. The new site will enclose approximately 6,000 square feet and accommodate more seniors and activities. The prior day, Gov. Anoatubby led the groundbreaking at the new Ardmore Senior Citizens Center in Ardmore, a 9,000 square-foot site.

New Senior Citizens Centers on the way for Connerville, Ardmore

Chickasaw elders in the Connerville and Ardmore areas will soon have exceptional new tribal Senior Citizens Centers to enjoy.

Gov. Bill Anoatubby led the groundbreaking ceremonies in the Chickasaw Nation communities May 26 and 27.

"Our tribal elders are the heart of the Chickasaw Nation," Gov. Anoatubby said. "These new centers honor our elders and the traditional Chickasaw values we all cherish."

The Connerville Center will encompass approximately 6,000 square feet and will feature a large kitchen, dining room, social porch, arts and crafts room and computer room.

The current Connerville Center is housed in a former grocery store that has been renovated to accommodate elders. Needs of the community have outgrown the facility.

The Ardmore Center will total approximately 9,000 square feet and include similar amenities to the Connerville Center.

Located at 2420 Chickasaw Boulevard in Ardmore, the new center will offer easy access to other tribal facilities, including the health clinic, wellness center and nutrition services.

Both facilities will be completed and open in 2012.

The Chickasaw Nation supports 11 Senior Citizens Centers in Achille, Ada, Ardmore, Connerville, Duncan, Kullihoma, Madill, Pauls Valley, Purcell, Sulphur and Tishomingo.

For additional information on Chickasaw Nation Senior Citizens Centers and elder activities, contact the Division on Aging at (580) 795-9790.

Tribal voter registration open through July 5

Voting is a privilege, and civic responsibility as a Chickasaw citizen. Voting is a way to honor Chickasaw ancestors and take pride in the historic perseverance of the Chickasaw Nation. Your vote does count!

"We have a privilege, a duty and a responsibility," said Oklahoma State Rep. and former Chickasaw Legislator Lisa Johnson Billy. "We need to pass that heritage onto our children. As adults, it's our job to instill, within our children, that sense of pride and accomplishment and a sense of knowing that one vote really does make a difference."

Registering to vote in Chickasaw elections is an easy process. You can register online, send an email, send a letter or even call the election office.

Tribal election ballots are mailed to voters during election periods. The process is easy! Voters simply receive the ballot in the mail, mark it, sign it and send it back in the provided envelope. No postage is necessary.

The last day to register to vote in this year's tribal elections is July 5.

Remember, your vote does make a difference!

For voter registration forms and more information on becoming a registered Chickasaw voter, visit www.Chickasaw.net/vote, call (888) 661-0137 or email rita.loder@chickasaw.net.

You may also visit the Chickasaw Nation Election Office lo-

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Lighthorse tactics team scores well at competition

Chickasaw Lighthorse SWAT team members; first row, from left: Terry Laxton, Brent Harper, Gary Dodd, Justin Smith, and Clint Sutton. Second row, from left, Jose Ramirez, Michael Holloway, Alyson Orr, Robby Williams, and Andy Hill. Marcy Gray

The Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team made a good showing at the annual Oklahoma SWAT competition May 4 in Norman, Okla.

The tribal police placed fourth overall in the state-wide competition and first and second in two events.

"Our SWAT Team members have been training for many weeks in preparation for this event," said Jason O'Neal, Lighthorse Police chief. "Being a member of the SWAT team is in addition to regular duties as a police officer and most training is done during off-time."

Events at the state competition included a Glock handgun Challenge, where the Lighthorse team won first place, and a sniper team event, where the team took second place. Team members also carried 100-pound weights in a timed relay event. Scores on all events were based on time and accuracy.

Lighthorse officers competed with nine SWAT teams from all over the state, including Ada, Norman and Edmond. Lighthorse was the only tribal police department represented at the state competition.

Chickasaw Lighthorse SWAT team members include Terry Laxton, Brent Harper, Gary Dodd, Justin Smith, Clint Sutton, Jose Ramirez, Michael Holloway, Alyson Orr, Robby Williams and Andy Hill. Team commander is Major George Jesse.

The SWAT team is made up of experienced officers, who bring a range of life experiences to the team, said Major Jesse. The officers have a total of more than 50 years law enforcement experience.

For more information about Lighthorse Police, visit www.chickasaw.net.

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About SWAT

Special Weapon and Tactics- SWAT- is an acronym for developed for the first police tactical team, which was established by the Los Angeles Police Department in 1963. SWAT was developed to enhance the ability of police response to an increasingly violent and well-armed criminal element.

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cated at 2015 Lonnie Abbott Industrial Boulevard, Ada, Okla., or send mail to P.O. Box 695, Ada, OK 74821.

If you or your family members have recently relocated, be sure to update your address. Your current address must be on file to receive a voting ballot during tribal election periods. To update your address, call (888) 661-0137 or email rita.loder@chickasaw.net.

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Market seeking artists

The application deadline for this year's Southeastern Art Show and Market (SEASAM) in Tishomingo, Okla. is Friday, Sept. 2, 2011.

Thousands of dollars in prize money will be awarded, including a $1,000 cash prize for Best in Show winner and $1,000 in total prize money for Youth winners.

Adults and youth from any Southeastern or Woodland tribe are encouraged to enter the competition in the two-dimensional and three-dimensional categories.

Artists may enter up to two works per category, up to a total of four entries.

The youth artist competition is open to students entering grades nine through 12 in the 2011-2012 school years.

Hosted by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities during the Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Festival, the juried art competition and market will be conducted Saturday, Sept. 29-Oct. 1 on the tribe's capitol grounds.

SEASAM art awards will be presented Sept. 29 at the Arts and Culture Awards in conjunction with the 2011 Annual Meeting and Festival.

Application forms, entry rules and additional information can be found on the Chickasaw Nation website at www.chickasaw.net or by contacting the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520 or artistinfo@chickasaw.net.

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Deadline for submission is the 22nd of each month prior to publication. Submissions can be mailed, faxed, hand-delivered or e-mailed.

Our tribe continues to adapt as change comes at faster pace

GOV. BILL ANOATUBBY

Governor, the Chickasaw Nation

Change seems to be the one constant which we can reliably assume will continue to occur.

In our modern age, it often seems we are just getting comfortable with some process or reality when change marches in to alter everything! Nowhere is this situation as obvious as in technology and communication. Those of us who work with information – whether in the form of words, numbers, images or other – are constantly challenged with change. Modern software, hardware, programs, processes and all the rest are simply occurring at a faster and faster rate.

The Chickasaw Nation and the Chickasaw people are no strangers to change. Throughout our history we have been confronted with obstacles that would have defeated most people.

We were originally a warrior nation with a sophisticated system of government. Our lands spread throughout the Southeast and our communities were prosperous and well-defended.

Then, of course, our people were Removed from our homelands and sent to a new and challenging territory. For the next 125 years, we were challenged by not just the land and the scarcity of resources, but also the intrusions of other entities bent on erasing our tribe from history.

We have persevered and are once again prosperous – and that is precisely the point. Change is a constant the Chickasaw Nation and the Chickasaw people have faced with courage and success.

For the generations long past, the skills of war and hunting were the most essential. Later, Chickasaws realized they would have to learn new skills in order to adapt to the ever-changing environment.

Today, Chickasaws are succeeding in the modern world principally through education. An ever-growing number of Chickasaws are professionals, trades journeymen, artists, scientists, soldiers and so much more. Chickasaws are succeeding in these disciplines because we have recognized the changes in American society and stayed current with those changes.

Could Chickasaws a century ago have imagined what Chickasaws today are achieving? The Chickasaw Nation of 1911 looked much different than today. The people were maintaining their families, for the most part, at subsistence levels. There was virtually no opportunity for Chickasaws. The changes that had swept through virtually all of Indian country had created tremendous hardship and challenge.

But the people persevered and, slowly at first, Chickasaws adapted to the changes and learned how to survive and even engage in new dimensions of work, family and life.

Today, the changes we experience are not so fundamental and earth-shaking, but the changes come at us much faster. For Chickasaw people, balancing the demands of modern work and society with the traditions that define us has become the toughest test. We cherish our families and our relationships even as we are tugged by the seven-day, 24-hour demands of our careers and our world.

Even success has its challenges. Those are the challenges that today's Chickasaws will meet and overcome, as we always have.

From our tribe of warriors and hunters we have evolved into a modern tribe of wonderful variety and aspiration. We now live in countless places, we work in a myriad of careers, and we are tugged by the changes the world continues to throw at us.

And, as always, we will remember our culture and heritage that is close to all Chickasaw hearts. We will care for each other; treasure our families; be upright, strong and proud to be Chickasaw!

'Pearl' television premiere set for June 11 on OETA

Paden Brown

"Pearl," the award-winning film produced by the Chickasaw Nation, will have its television premiere at 8 p.m., Saturday, June 11 on the OETA Movie Club hosted by B.J. Wexler.

To find out the channel information at your location, please visit www.oeta.tv or call (800) 879-6382.

The family-friendly film focuses on the exceptional teen years of the late Eula "Pearl" Carter Scott, a Chickasaw who, in 1928, earned her pilot's license at the tender age of 13. By 14, she was flying her father to business appointments and wowing air show audiences with her aerobatic maneuvers all over Oklahoma.

A repeat telecast of the movie is scheduled 11 p.m., Friday June 17.

Governor Bill Anoatubby said the story of the Chickasaw aviatrix was a natural for the tribe's first feature-length film project.

"Pearl is a legendary figure in the history of Oklahoma, the world of aviation and in the Chickasaw Nation," said Gov. Anoatubby. "She was a dynamic, determined and caring individual who exemplified many of the finest qualities of Chickasaw people. She was a unique individual who had a profoundly positive impact on everyone she met.

"Bringing her life story to millions of OETA viewers will help preserve that impact for generations to come."

With OETA's statewide network of four transmitting stations and 15 translator stations, more than 1.8 million viewers tune into OETA on a weekly basis.

"I am so pleased that OETA will be able to share this biographical film with our statewide audience," said Bill Thrash, OETA Station Manager

"Pearl" premiered last year at Warren Theatre in Moore, Okla., and has been successfully screened and warmly received at several film festivals and air shows nationwide. The film has also garnered many accolades from audiences and film industry insiders.

The Dove Foundation awarded "Pearl" four "Doves," endorsing the film as family-approved for all ages.

The movie was filmed at various locations in Oklahoma, including the historic Harn Homestead, the El Reno Municipal Airport, the Jude and Jody Airport and several locations in and around Guthrie.

"Pearl" features several Chickasaw cast members.

Paden Brown, a Byng (OK) High School junior, portrays Arnetta, Pearl's little sister. Paden described her experience in the film "really amazing."

Paden is a member of the drama team at Byng and is also taking cosmetology classes there.

"I have had people come up to me that I don't even know and just talk to me about it (the film) and say that I did a really good job," the 16-year-old Chickasaw said. "They were really amazed what Chickasaws have put together."

Since the movie, Paden has appeared in an Oklahoma Lottery Commission promotion as well as a Chickasaw Nation anti-methamphetamine public service announcement.

Pauline Brown, Chickasaw elder and culture preservationist, portrays Widow Harjo in the film.

Paulina Gee, three-year-old daughter of Chickasaw Nation Deputy Attorney General Debra Gee, was cast as Louise, Pearl's oldest daughter.

Other Chickasaws with speaking parts in "Pearl" include: Micah Hart (Older Georgie), former Chickasaw Princess Jaisen Monetatchi (Chickasaw Bride) and Dakota Brown (Chickasaw Friend).

Dozens of Chickasaw citizens, Chickasaw Nation employees and community members were featured as extras.

The film is also available on DVD and Blu Ray. To order a copy of "Pearl," please visit www.PearlTheMovie.net and click on the "Purchase Pearl DVD" button.

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2011 'Programs and Services' and 'Services @ Large' Directories

The directories contain information about all Chickasaw Nation programs and services. Inside the directories you will find program descriptions, important phone numbers and contact information, office locations and hours of operation, as well as program requirements. Don't miss out on the opportunities available to you and your family. Reserve your copy by visiting http://www.chickasaw.net/servicedirectory.

New center will serve family visiting Med Center patients

DEAN MCMANUS

Secretary, Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Chukma! Chin Chukma. I hope that you are enjoying the warmer weather and the much-needed Spring rain.

The Legislature had a busy and productive month of May this year. The Human Resources Committee was especially productive with two important resolutions. Resolution GR28-024 approved a program through which members of other federally-recognized tribes and non-Indian spouses of Chickasaws will be able to obtain prescription drugs through our prescription service. The program will be operated by the Division of Commerce; however, it requires an amendment to our annual contract with the Indian Health Service. This is something that we have been talking about for a long time and it is now officially in the works.

Resolution GR28-028 approved the development for a community center that will be available for family members who are visiting their loved ones who are patients in the Chickasaw Medical Center. This will allow families to be nearby their loved ones during critical times at reduced or no cost to the families. We have waited a long time for this to happen and we are hopeful that it won't take long to get it operating.

I especially want to tell you about resolution GR28-029 which was presented by the Legislative Committee and was passed unanimously. The resolution is a Citation in Recognition of Lt. Gov. Jefferson E. Keel. Lt. Gov. Keel is to be inducted into the Military Memorial Museum in Ardmore on June 13 of this year. He is being recognized for his outstanding public service in the U.S. Army and for the Chickasaw Nation.

You know, we may work with and walk along side someone and never know what they have accomplished in life because they never talk about it. Lt. Gov. is so humble and never talks about his accomplishments and so to see them listed in print is very moving. In short, Lt. Gov. Keel served in the U.S. Army for 22 years as both enlisted and a commissioned officer. He served two terms of duty in Vietnam and was in direct combat with the enemy. He earned a very long list of awards and medals. After his military retirement, he continues to serve the public as a private citizen. Please take a minute to read the resolution in its entirety so you can understand just how well he has served his beloved tribe, country and mankind. It makes me so proud to know him and for him to serve us as Lt. Gov. of the Chickasaw Nation. The recognition of being inducted into the Military Memorial Museum is well deserved. I just hope that he understands how much we are honored to have him in our tribe and working for us and that we love him dearly.

Please contact me through dean.mcmanus@chickasaw.net or call me at (580) 436-1460.

Chi ihollo li!(I love you!)

Dean McManus, Pontotoc District Seat 4

Chickasaw elder stays busy with variety of activities

Mrs. Hazel Houck

BETH ALEXANDER

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

This month I decided to spotlight one of our Chickasaw elders, Mrs. Hazel Houck. She was born January 31, 1919 in Provence, Ok. to Chickasaw, Albert Cletus "Cap" Gardner and Ethel Izora Little. Her grandmother, Annie McGee, born in 1869, was an original enrollee. Annie and her brother, Alex grew up at the Chickasaw Orphans Home. (Better known as Burney Institute located east of Lebanon, Oklahoma).

Hazel married Mr. Archie P. Houck of Seminole, OK. in 1936. They had one son, Albert Lavern, and two daughters, Betty Louise and Janet Kay. Currently, she has 5 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild.

Mrs. Houck is busy. She became a volunteer at Baptist Hospital on her 80th birthday and still works once a week; is an active member of the Northwest Christian Church; belongs to the HUGS group sewing for troops (her picture was featured on the Pentagon website in connection with HUGS); and is a lifelong avid quilter. She has been active in CWF (Christian Women's Fellowship) and PEO. Hazel is a member and regularly attends both the Oklahoma City Chickasaw Community Council and Chickasaw Elders Group.

Attention citizens, Chickasaw elections are about to begin. Make sure the Tribe has your correct address and all family members are registered. We need you to VOTE and participate in YOUR tribal elections.

I shared with you that my Christmas gift this year was a puppy. Well, Tushka Chipota (young warrior/soldier) is now 6 months old, around 100lbs. and spends most of his days eating, sleeping, playing and continuing to grow!

Thank you to the Chickasaw Children's Language Group, Chipota Chikashshanompoli, for singing in Chickasaw, their award winning song, Eye of the Tiger. The group directed by Ms. Rachel Wedlow and Mr. Clovis Hamilton, performed for the Legislature at the May Legislative Session. It is wonderful to hear the next generation using our native language!

A gray head is a crown of glory; It is found in the way of righteousness. Proverbs 16:31

Special naming ceremony a moving experience for all

CONNIE BARKER

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Greetings from Connie Barker, Tribal Legislator, Pickens District Seat 2!

It is with much enthusiasm and pride that I get to report to you about a very special event that took place recently in San Marcos, Texas. The event involved the gathering of several Chickasaw Tribal Councils in the central and south Texas communities to participate in a special naming ceremony. The naming ceremony is steeped in tradition and is a ceremony whereby individual Chickasaws receive their Indian names.

The event was conducted by Governor Anoatubby along with council representatives. The Great Unconquered and Unconquerable Chickasaw Nation was well represented by each of these councils, along with members of the Executive and Legislative Branches of our government.

Over 60 citizens of our Nation were present from these councils as their names were read by Josh Hinson, first in the Chickasaw language, and then presented in the English form. Governor Anoatubby then presented each citizen with a certificate proclaiming their name in Chickasaw and what each name represented.

In some cases, three generations of family members received their tribal names.

A solemn moment occurred when one citizen who had passed on was represented in name by his children.

Even though many of our citizens are at large, our councils represent them well as Chickasaw citizens, and the census continues to grow. I was told by many who attended, that they had always been proud of their Chickasaw heritage, but now they felt like boundary lines had disappeared and that one large community had been formed. This moment was very special to me and serves as one of the important highlights of my tenure as a legislator and for this I say to Mark Fields and Gene Thompson.

Thank you for the invitation to attend and a special THANK YOU to the citizens for allowing me to serve as your legislator.

Connie Barker

Tribal Legislator

Count of Voters by District

Panola	1,786	Pontotoc	11,675
Pickens	7,397	Tishomingo	5,224
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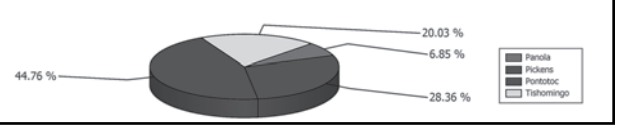

Remember to register for upcoming tribal elections

Hello Everyone,

It is May 21, 2011. As I write this article, the 2011 Chickasaw Elections are only about two months away. I encourage you to vote. Our vote is our voice, and our government serves our people better when there are more voices heard. Voting is not only a privilege, but it is also a responsibility. Voting is the only way we have of holding our government accountable.

It is time to prepare ourselves to vote in this year's elections. The first thing we need to do is make sure we are registered to vote, whether that means registering for the first time or simply verifying that your registration is current.

KATIE CASE

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

The best indicator that your registration is current is if *the Chickasaw Times* is being sent to your home address. Your ballot will be sent to the same address as your copy of *the Chickasaw Times.*

If you are not receiving a copy of *the Chickasaw Times* with your name and address on a sticker on the front page, **you will not receive a ballot.**

To register for the first time or to check your voter registration status, call (580) 310-6411 or (888) 661-0137.

An important day that you should remember is July 5th. That is the day voter registration closes. So to allow for glitches in the system, start the process now and be diligent in your follow up to ensure you are registered in time to vote. Follow up should include, but not be limited to, phone calls and/or emails to Voter Registration. Rita's email address is rita.loder@chickasaw.net and her phone numbers are listed above. The contact for *the Chickasaw Times* is Vicky Gold. The email address for the Chickasaw Times is times.chickasaw@chickasaw.net and the phone number is (580) 332-2977.

Remember, our vote is our voice, and together, we can make our voices heard.

Respectfully,

Katie

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Chikasha Ittifama a great event with cultural highlights

Hello Everyone,

It was great to see many of you at the Chikasha Ittifama (Chickasaw Reunion) last month! Even though the rain ran us indoors to the Community Center on Friday night, the wet weather didn't dampen the spirits of all those in attendance. The burgers and fellowship were perfect.

Luckily, the sun came out on Saturday, and the events continued as planned. It was my privilege to get to watch the Cornstalk shooting contest again this year. It had to be moved to the practice field in Ada, but we had 15 shooters turn out to compete and show off their archery skills.

NANCY ELLIOTT

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

As you may know, cornstalk shooting goes back to the times when hunters and warriors would compete for accuracy with their handmade bows and arrows. To keep the tips of the arrows from breaking, participants shot through a large bank of dried cornstalks laid on their sides to create a one-foot thick wall. Nowadays, shooters compete for points, which are determined by how far the arrow penetrates the target. The first shooter to reach 50 points is declared the winner.

Congratulations to Wayne Scribner for winning first place in this year's contest. Congratulations, also, to Matt Scribner for winning second place.

It would be great to have more shooters participating next year. Thank you to all the demonstrators who gave of their time at this year's Reunion to share their knowledge with us, so that we could learn more about our culture and heritage.

Demonstrations included corn husk dolls, beadwork, moccasin making, basket weaving, language, Chickasaw games and traditional clothing and dancing.

We are so blessed in the Chickasaw Nation to be able to have events like the Chikasha Ittifama so our children and grandchildren can learn about their heritage first hand.

I hope to see many of you at Community Council meetings this summer. Please let me know if I can help you in any way!

Sincerely,

Nancy

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Court Advocates now available in Ardmore, Ada and Purcell

Court Advocate Services are now available in Ardmore, Ada, and Purcell to assist Native Americans with legal problems.

To make an appointment call 1-800-479-1459.

This is a service provided by the tribal court system.

A visit to the homelands creates a spiritual renewal

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District! What a beautiful Spring we are having. We have had some rain, but pray for a little more - without damaging storms, of course.

The Legislators have just returned from a trip to the homelands. We had planned this trip for three or more years and it did not disappoint. We toured sites in Tennessee, Mississippi and Alabama and we enjoyed all the stops.

The museums and the mounds gave me a feeling of walking where our ancestors once walked.

MARY JO GREEN

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

We experienced the beauty of the lands our ancestors were forced to leave not knowing what manner of place they were going to. The "land of hanging grapes" is truly beautiful.

Oklahoma is similar territory except for the trees. The trees in the homelands are huge, much larger there than here. We viewed the largest tree stump in the State of Mississippi at the colonial mansion "Lachinvar" built in 1836. Inside and out, the house looked like it is straight out of the movie "Gone With the Wind."

The Natchez Trace property is beautiful. I would have liked to have spent more time exploring it and the nearby sites, but it was raining that day. One such nearby site is Cedarscape, the site of an old Chickasaw village. I hope to return there after it is fully developed as a travel stop.

We enjoyed viewing the site of the old Colbert ferry. We also enjoyed visiting the home of Helen Keller, Shiloh Military Park Museum, Tuscumbia Park waterfall and statues and the other attractions.

However, I most enjoyed visiting Tom's Wall located near Florence, Alabama. I will tell you the entire story of Tom's Wall next month. It is a fascinating and very moving experience.

If I have another opportunity to return to the homelands, I certainly will. The trip was in some ways a spiritual renewal for me. I now feel closer to our ancestors who traveled on the removal and persevered to build the Chickasaw Nation into the great nation it is today. God has truly blessed our tribe!!

I would love to hear from you. Please contact me through my email address mary.green@chickasaw.net or through the address and telephone number listed elsewhere in this and every issue of *the Chickasaw Times* and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. My articles are also located on the web site.

Until next time, I wish God's blessings on all of our people. Thank you.

Our ancestors had to leave lush, beautiful homelands

The legislature recently took a trip to the Homelands, visiting various areas throughout Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee. I had been looking forward to the trip for quite some time, but never dreamed it would be so rewarding.

Many of us have ideas in our heads of what it must have been like to be uprooted from your home and told you have to live somewhere else. Physically standing on the grounds where our ancestors once lived, gave me a sense of pride and sadness at the same time. The southeastern part of the United States is very lush and green. It is more difficult than any of us could fathom, to have to leave a land so rich for parts unknown, which we all now call home.

SHANA HAMMOND

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Our first visit was to Pontotoc, Mississippi and we were welcomed by the Pontotoc Historical Society at their local museum. What a welcoming group of people. Their museum included many pieces of Chickasaw history. While visiting Pontotoc, we toured Lochinvar, a home that was built in the early 1800's on land that was previously owned by Molly Gunn, the daughter of William Colbert. It is currently owned by Forrest and Janis Tudor, who were very gracious hosts.

We visited many other historical sites to the Chickasaw people. Among them were Monroe Mission, Indian Mound and Museum in Florence, Alabama and the Shiloh Battlefield and Mounds in Tennessee. While visiting Florence, we had a surprise encounter with Carl Scott, grandson of Pearl Carter Scott, the famous Chickasaw aviator. What a treat!

Another surprise along the way was our accidental visit to Tom's Wall in Florence. Tom's Wall was built by Tom Hendrix, a Yuchi Indian, in memory of his great-great-grandmother, Te-lah-nay, who was part of the removal to Oklahoma. She traveled five years to get back to her home in Alabama and the wall represents her journey. He has been working on the wall for over 30 years and isn't finished. You can learn more about the wall by visiting www.natchezTracetravel.com. Words cannot describe how special this wall is.

I could go on and on about our visit. I strongly encourage you to visit the homelands, if you haven't already. It is a great way to tie the past with the present. I would like to thank all of our gracious hosts along the way in helping make our trip spectacular.

For we walk by faith, not by sight. ~2 Corinthians 5:7

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Legislators visit Chickasaw Homelands

Legislators in front of the Tennessee River at Colbert's Stand along the Natchez Trace.

A pleasant surprise when Legislators unexpectedly met Carl Scott, Grandson of the late Pearl Scott, former Chickasaw Legislator and aviator.

Ten tribal legislators toured the Chickasaw Homelands of Mississippi, Tennessee and Alabama, in May.

While visiting Pontotoc, Mississippi, Judge James Roberts rolled out the red carpet by giving a hearty welcome to the group and introduced them to city and state officials, and members of the Pontotoc Historical Society.

The legislators were honored guests at a luncheon hosted by the Pontotoc Historical Society at Lochinvar, home of Drs. Forrest and Janis Tutor.

Lochinvar is a beautiful southern colonial mansion built in 1836 on property once owned by Chickasaw Molly Gunn.

The group visited Monroe Mission, Cedarscape, Buzzard Roost, Colbert Stand, Spring Park in Tuscumbia, Alabama, the Indian Mound and Museum, Tom's Wall and other historical sites.

A special thank you goes to Charles Tate, who was our tour guide; Drs. Forrest and Janis Tutor, who graciously opened their home to the group; Glenda Galvan, Mitch Cavern, Diana Nutt and Regina Berna, who were our guides at Ceadrscape; Tom Hendrix, who told the story of the wall he built in honor of his great grandmother, member of the Yuchi Tribe, and as tribute to all Native American women; and to our wonderful bus drivers, Matt Womack and Brad Compton.

Chickasaw Language Club students at Legislature

Members of the award-winning Chipota Chikashshanompoli - (Children Speaking Chickasaw) performed for the Tribal Legislature at May's Legislative Session. Legislators back row from left, Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Shana Tate Hammond, Chairperson David Woerz, Secretary Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert and Steve Woods. Students middle row from left, Levi "Chokfi" Hinson, Chelsea "Sissy" Wedlow, Nyah Stephens, Chris Anglin, Jesse Clark, Jordan "Chubba" Stick and TJ Clark. Students front row from left: Zoe Allen, Isabella McGinley, Ke-Ke Factor, Colton Wilson, Johnathon DelFrate, Katie Walker.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Chickasaw Nation Legislative Finance Committee will hold a public hearing regarding the Consolidated Tribal Budget for 2012 on June 16, 2011, at the Chickasaw Nation Legislative Building, 801 North Mississippi, Ada, Oklahoma, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Copies of the proposed budget are available for review at the Legislative Office in Ada.

Any Chickasaw citizen may address the Finance Committee at the hearings; provided, the citizen may speak only if he has notified Committee Chair Scott Colbert in writing of his desire to speak and provides an agenda. A citizen may speak for up to 10 minutes. Chickasaw citizens may also present written comments, recommendations, information or questions at those meetings, provided, those written comments are presented to Committee Chair Scott Colbert prior to the hearing's commencement.

The meetings shall be held in accordance with Title 10, Section 10-205 and following of the Chickasaw Nation Code. The Chickasaw Nation Code can be located at www.Chickasaw.net.

‘Changed everything I knew about being a Chickasaw’

Himitta’ Kilimpi’ students immerse themselves in Chickasaw culture

Led by Jeremy Wallace, the Chickasaw Dance Troupe and Himitta’ Kilimpi’ students participate in a traditional dance at the Chickasaw Culture Center, Saturday, May 14. The group of Oklahoma City-area students spent eight Saturdays learning about their Chickasaw culture and capped off the program by demonstrating lessons learned through the program.

Himitta’ Kilimpi’ (Strong Youth) students and coordinators at the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur. First row, participant Breana Ridenhour. Second row, from left, participants Wesley Ridenhour, Emily Smith, Devin Conrad, Dominic Conrad and Erica Herman. Third row, from left; participant Brandon Parker (participant), Brent Sykes, program coordinator, and OU students Blake Corbin, James Kline, Gabe Cannon and Hilary Hullinger. OU students Danielle Jones and Joe Thomas are not pictured.

Himitta’ Kilimpi’ (Strong Youth) students spent one Saturday last month at the Chickasaw Cultural Center celebrating their Chickasaw heritage.

What made this class celebration unique is most participants knew little about their culture just eight weeks prior. But on May 14 they beaded necklaces, ate traditional foods and demonstrated a “double-header” dance.

“This class changed everything I knew about being a Chickasaw,” said Emily Smith, a sophomore at Norman North (OK) High School. “We created a support group of Chickasaw students. We all have something in common - our Chickasaw heritage.”

The Himitta’ Kilimpi’ program was created through collaborative efforts of the Chickasaw Nation and the University of Oklahoma.

Created and developed by members of the OU Chickasaw Learning Community students, the class engages Chickasaw youth who live outside the boundaries of the Chickasaw Nation.

“The goals of the program were to foster a network of support for Chickasaw youth who live outside of tribal boundaries and to provide the students a rich, deep cultural experience so they will feel more connected with their culture,” said Hilary Hulinger, a Learning Community student who helped develop the program.

The importance of strong family bonds was stressed during the program. Several family members attended the final event at the Cultural Center.

Chickasaw elders, cultural preservationists and fluent Chickasaw speakers helped immerse students in Chickasaw culture through many hands-on activities including social dances, songs, beading, basket making and language lessons.

Everything the students learned was showcased during the final session May 14.

“I have learned all kinds of stuff,” said Wesley Ridenhour, an 11-year-old from Oklahoma City. “Like the word for stickball, how to make stickball sticks, how to weave a basket and how to make necklaces and share traditional stories. I also had never had pashofa and grape dumplings until this class.”

Wesley attended the program with his big sister, Breana, a freshman at Western Heights High School in Oklahoma City.

Breana said she never realized the history of Chickasaw people until she joined the group.

“We went through a lot to be where we are now,” she said.

Both the younger students and the college students learned something from the program.

Blake Corbin, an OU student from Noble, Okla., said he didn’t know much about his culture and heritage before he joined the OU Chickasaw Learning Community.

Still others earned valuable experience in planning, coordinating and implementing a program and working with younger people.

Gabe Cannon, an OU student from Blanchard, Okla., said he “learned how to lead and learned how to adapt and change the program as needed.”

Wayne Walker, a Chickasaw Dance Troupe member, said he was touched when he saw “how much it meant to young people to learn about their culture and be more involved with their tribe.”

He said the Dance Troupe was inspired by working with the young people.

“It started touching our heart to be sharing our language, stories and dances with everyone,” Mr. Walker said.

For more information about the Himitta’ Kilimpi’ program, call the Chokka¢ Kilimpi¢ Chickasaw Family Resource Center at (405) 767-8940.

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Chickasaw senior catcher leading softball team in hitting, rbis

Karson Walker

Chickasaw high school softball player Karson Walker has been a big reason Rogers (AR) High School has advanced to the Arkansas 7A state tournament.

Karson has served as the team’s catcher in all 29 regular season games. She has committed only two errors all season and has led the team with a .375 batting average and 39 RBIs.

“Right now, it is hard to get Karson out,” head coach Mike Harper said.

Rogers faces Mount Saint Mary in the first round of the state tournament.

This will be Karson’s final tournament. She is a senior.

Karson is the daughter of Walter Raymond Walker and Shay Lynn Walker.

Her grandparents are Billy and Barbara Walker.

Karson’s great-great-grandfather is the late James C. Walker, an original enrollee

Save the Date!
Chickasaw Princess Pageant
September 26, 2011
Ada Cougar Activity Center
Ada High School • Ada, Oklahoma
Begins at 6 p.m.

Chickasaw Princesses serve as ambassadors for the Chickasaw Nation at a variety of events and activities throughout the year.

Chickasaw Princess: Ages 17 - 25
Chickasaw Jr. Princess: Ages 12 - 16
Little Miss Chickasaw: Ages 7 - 11

Required application is available at 231 Seabrook Road, Ada, OK 74820 or at www.chickasaw.net.

Application deadline is Friday, August 26, 2011

For more information call (580) 272-7710

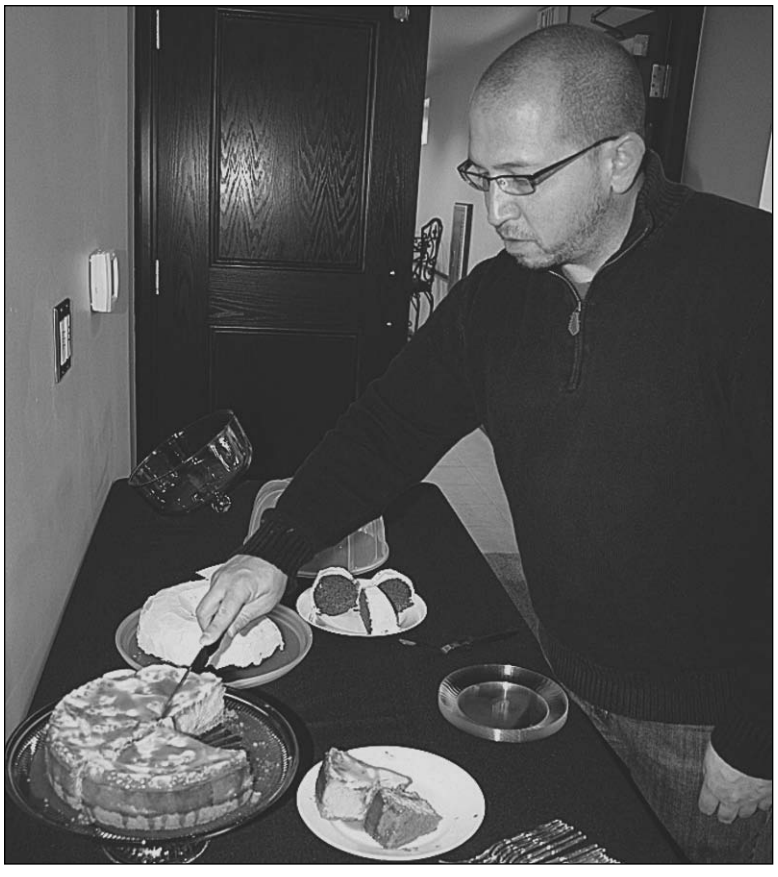
'Bird Man Rising' takes top award at Te Ata employee art show

"Bird Man Rising," a sculpture by Dustin Mater, graphic arts and design assistant for the Division of Arts and Humanities, is the winner of "Best of Show" Employee Choice Award at the 2011 Te Ata Fisher Chickasaw Nation Employee Art Show. Photo by Sharmina Manandhar

More than 60 artworks of 23 Chickasaw Nation employees were featured during the 2011 Te Ata Fisher Chickasaw Nation Employee Art Show at the McSwain Theatre Gallery in Ada, Okla. in May.

Hosted by the tribal Division of Arts and Humanities, the art show gives employees an opportunity to display their talent and abilities.

"We really strive to provide these opportunities for innovative thoughts, creativity and the opportunity to express oneself," said Lona Barrick, arts and humanities administrator.



James Wallace cuts his award-winning cake at the 2011 Te Ata Fisher Chickasaw Nation Employee Art Show Awards Ceremony and Reception at the McSwain Theatre Gallery May 14 in Ada, Okla.

"That's just very much part of who we are as Chickasaw people and who we are as Chickasaw Nation."

An awards ceremony and reception was conducted Saturday, May 14 at the Gallery.

The 2011 winners are:

EMPLOYEE CHOICE AWARD

"Bird Man Rising," Dustin Mater

VISUAL ARTS

TWO DIMENSIONAL CATEGORIES

Painting
1st Place – Dustin Mater
2nd Place – Chris Zellner
3rd Place – Sandra LaNoy
Honorable Mention – Chris Zellner

Drawing
1st Place – Pam Filipelli
2nd Place – Debbie Hamilton
3rd Place – Debbie Hamilton
Honorable Mention – Sherri Sanders

Digital Graphics
1st Place – Stephen Greetham

Print Making
1st Place – Pam Filipelli

Color Photography
1st Place – James Wallace
2nd Place – Susan Webb
3rd Place – Samantha Owen
Honorable Mention – Samantha Owen

Black/White Photography
1st Place – Wakeah Vigil
2nd Place – Wakeah Vigil
3rd Place – Tony Burleson

THREE DIMENSIONAL CATEGORIES

Sculpture
1st Place – Dustin Mater
2nd Place – Samantha Owen
3rd Place – Samantha Owen

Jewelry
1st Place – Dustin Mater
2nd Place – Eric Todd
3rd Place – Eric Todd

3-D Open
1st Place – Julia Walker
2nd Place – Brian Brashier

TEXTILES

Weavings
1st Place – Tyra Lewis
2nd Place – Pam Filipelli
3rd Place – Pam Filipelli
Honorable Mention – Julia Walker
Honorable Mention – Julia Walker

CULTURAL

Beaded Jewelry
1st Place – Mariah Adair
1st Place – Mariah Adair

Basketry
1st Place – Judy Thomas

Flutes
1st Place – Jeremy Wallace
1st Place – Michael Cornelius

Traditional Weaponry
1st Place – Michael Cornelius
2nd Place – Jeremy Wallace
3rd Place – Michael Cornelius

Weaponry Open
1st Place – J. Daniel Worcester
2nd Place – Jeremy Wallace
3rd Place – J. Daniel Worcester

Adornments to Dress
1st Place – Charity Freeman

Cultural Open
1st Place – Judy Thomas

LITERARY ARTS

Short Story
1st Place – Rhonda Brown
2nd Place – Sandra LaNoy

Poetry
1st Place – Amanda Dill
1st Place – Amanda Dill
2nd Place – Sandra Pickens
3rd Place – Sherri Sanders
Honorable Mention – Sherri Sanders

CULINARY ARTS

Cakes
1st Place – James Wallace
2nd Place – James Wallace

For more information, please contact the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

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This could be you!

2010 - 2011 Chickasaw Princesses from left, Little Miss Chickasaw Maegan Carney, Chickasaw Junior Princess Taloa Underwood and Chickasaw Princess Sesiley Robertson.

Have you ever thought about being a Chickasaw Princess or just want more information about the princess program? **Contact:** Mary Hartley, Princess Program Coordinator, (580) 272-7710 or email mary.hartley@chickasaw.net

Pearl
DON'T MISS THE TELEVISION DEBUT OF THE MOVIE PEARL ON OETA, JUNE 11TH AT 8:00 P.M.
PEARL IS THE TRUE STORY OF CHICKASAW AVIATRIX PEARL CARTER SCOTT, THE YOUNGEST LICENSED PILOT IN AMERICAN HISTORY.
FOR MORE INFORMATION, INCLUDING CHANNEL LIST, VISIT:
WWW.PEARLTHEMOVIE.NET OR WWW.OETA.TV

World-class Golf Academy opens at tribe's WinStar facility

Academy complements WinStar championship 18-hole course

Mike McKee

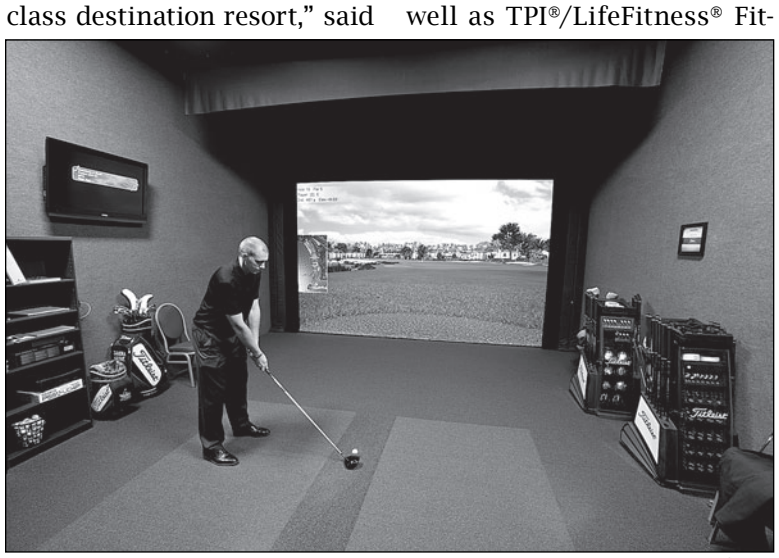
Chickasaw Nation Gov. Bill Anoatubby, center, with scissors, is joined by tribal officials and WinStar Golf Academy staff to cut the ribbon on the state-of-the-art WinStar Golf Academy May 4. Pictured from left, Sandra Haynie, WinStar Golf Academy director of instruction; Scott Colbert, tribal legislator; Cheri Bellefeuille- Gordon, tribal Supreme Court justice; Nancy Elliott, tribal legislator; Bill Lance, tribal Division of Commerce administrator; Linda Briggs, tribal legislator; Buddy Fichera, WinStar Golf Academy general manager; Gov. Anoatubby; Dr. Judy Goforth-Parker, tribal Division of Health administrator; Connie Barker and David Woerz, tribal legislators; and Barbara Smith, tribal Supreme Court justice.

THACKERVILLE, Okla. – WinStar Golf Academy, located at the championship 18-hole WinStar Golf Course, officially opened last month, adding yet another attraction to the WinStar World Casino complex.

Governor Bill Anoatubby and dozens of tribal officials, citizens, guests and WinStar Golf staff gathered to cut the ribbon and tour the state-of-the-art 4,850 square-foot facility during the May 4 event.

"Opening of WinStar Golf Academy is another significant step toward building a world-class destination resort," said Gov. Anoatubby. "We believe this academy will add to the positive impact WinStar has on tourism and economic development in this area."

WinStar Golf Academy offers SAM® (Science and Motion) Putter Fitting & Practice Studio, two Indoor/Outdoor Heated Practice Bays, eight Covered Outdoor Practice Bays, Outdoor Grass Driving Range, two PGA TOUR® AboutGolf Simulating Studios, MIZUNO®, PING®, TITLEIST® & ODYSSEY® Custom Club Fitting Center as well as TPI®/LifeFitness® Fitness Room.



Mike McKee

Alex Fichera, WinStar Golf Academy fitness professional and marketing coordinator, demonstrates a golf simulator. The academy celebrated its grand opening last month.

The core golf instruction program at WinStar Golf Academy offers a unique and distinctive approach. The program focuses on the physical and technical facets as well as the mental aspects of the game. The curriculum was established by Golf World Hall of Famer Sandra Haynie, WinStar Golf Academy General Manager Buddy Fichera and WinStar Golf Course General Manager Mike Hammond. The seven disciplines that make up the courses include: Mindfulness Training, Swing Fundamentals, Physical Conditioning, Swing Dynamics, Golf Equipment, Shotmaking, and Course Management.

"These three professionals, with more than 80 years combined experience, have built a facility and designed a course of instruction which will offer amateur golfers the same level of services playing professionals currently receive," said Gov. Anoatubby.

After a session at the Academy, students can enjoy the beauty and challenging layout of the 7,341-yard D.A. Weibring/Golf Resources Group-designed course at WinStar. Built to complement its natural setting, the course features sandy natural areas, native prairie grasses, tree groupings, four lakes and native wildlife on a development-free 225 acres. An additional 9-hole course is currently under construction and scheduled for completion later this year.

The Academy offers individual, as well as small- or large-group golf instruction, membership packages and player development packages. Chickasaw citizens receive a 20 percent discount on services offered at the academy.

Visit www.winstargolfacademy.com<http://www.winstargolfacademy.com> to learn more.

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ABOUT WINSTAR GOLF ACADEMY

General Manager: Buddy Fichera

Instructors: Sandra Haynie, Josh Smith, Mariellen Cozad

Facilities: 4,850 Indoor Facility

SAM® (Science and Motion) Putter Fitting & Practice Studio

TPI®/LifeFitness® Fitness Room

2 Indoor/Outdoor Heated Hitting Bays

2 PGA TOUR® AboutGolf Simulating Studios

MIZUNO®, PING®,TITLEIST® & ODYSSEY® Custom Club Fitting Center

TITLEIST® Golf Ball Fitting Studio Mindfulness and Stretching Rooms

Locker Rooms and Showers Academy Lounge Recreation/ Meeting Room

Brand-Sponsored Pro Shop

8 Covered Outdoor Hitting Bays

Private Outdoor Grass Driving Range

Private Outdoor Short Game Area

Phone: (580) 276-1754

ABOUT WINSTAR GOLF COURSE

The WinStar Golf Course is a public golf course.

Head Professional: Mike Hammond

Facilities: 18 Hole D.A. Weibring designed Golf Course

9 additional holes under construction

Superintendent: Charles Wise

Fairways/Greens: Tifsport/ Bentgrass

Yardage: 7341 yards (Black Tees)

Rating/Slope: 75.1/124

Tees: Black-7341 yards; Blue-6838 yards; White-6405 yards; Gold-6071 yards

Clubhouse: 10,000 square feet with full banquet facilities

Practice area: Public Driving range

Phone: (580) 276-1240

Hall of Fame Reservations accepted beginning July 1

GOLDSBY, Okla. - Mark your calendars for the annual Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame ceremonies, set for Thursday, Aug. 18 at Riverwind Casino in Goldsby.

Hall of Fame inductees will make a red carpet entrance at 6 p.m. The banquet will begin at 6:30 p.m.

There is no charge to attend, but reservations are required for the event, which is expected to accommodate approximately 525 guests.

Reservations will be accepted beginning July 1. To make reservations contact Krissy Easterling at (580) 332-1165 or email krissy.easterling@chickasaw.net.

Induction to the Chickasaw Hall of Fame is the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a Chickasaw by the Chickasaw Nation. For more information about the Chickasaw Hall of Fame visit www.chickasaw.net/hof.

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Chickasaw Pathways student making mark as top employee

Chickasaw citizen Mark Wisdom at work at Kerr Pumps in Sulphur. A participant in the Pathways To Success program, Mr. Wisdom has earned a reputation as a model employee at the Sulphur firm.

SULPHUR, Okla. - Somewhere between college and a career, Mark Wisdom got on the Pathway to Success.

With the help of his local Chickasaw Nation area office, Mark secured employment at Sulphur-based Kerr Pumps/ Flowvalve and has flourished in the position.

The soft-spoken 20-year-old knew he wanted to be a positive career path, but he was unsure where and how to begin. He decided to consult Tammy Blevins, resource specialist at the Sulphur Area Office.

Thanks to the guiding hand, he was able to find a good job with secure future.

"Trying to find a job around here is really hard, so I went to the Chickasaw Nation to see if they could help me find a job, and they did," Mr. Wisdom said.

He was hired through the program to Kerr Pump/ Flowvalve.

"They gave me a chance and an opportunity."

After a probationary period, he was hired for a full-time position at the company.

He was never absent or late while in the Pathways for Success program and known for his positive attitude and offering a smile.

Trained solely on-the-job, for part of the day Mr. Wisdom builds swivels and preps merchandise for painting and delivery. Other times, he fills in where needed. His job requires him to be very detailed and work in high-pressure situations.

He also works long days. His day begins around 6:30 a.m. and ends at 5 p.m.

"Mark does a good job. We are lucky to have him," said Bobby Shelton, of Kerr Pumps.

Mr. Shelton describes Mr. Wisdom as "a hard worker, bright and dedicated."

"He takes initiative," Mr. Shelton said. "When it is slow, he will ask for something to do. He is always looking for ways to improve what he does."

When others stayed home in an early February snowstorm, Mr. Wisdom came to work, on time.

He has also volunteered to be on a newly-created evening shift.

"We are a growing company and people like Mark have really helped up with our growth," said Mr. Shelton.

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About Pathways for Success

The Pathways for Success program invests case management, counseling and life skills training to increase Chickasaw citizens' ability to reach their potential while decreasing dependence on financial assistance. Required applications are available at any area office.

To be eligible for the program, Chickasaw citizens must reside within the Chickasaw Nation boundaries.

About Kerr Pumps/ FLOWVALVE LLC

Based in Sulphur, Okla., FLOWVALVE LLC manufactures and sells high-quality pressure pipe unions and related oilfield control products.

$59.5m tribal business net this year to programs, projects

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe's general fund and the tribe's BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Businesses revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, travel plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the maintenance and operations of tribal property, *Chickasaw Times* and Governor's and Lt. Governor's offices. Expenditure for education includes education scholarship as well as the tribe's Division of Education. Health expenditures include senior citizens sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending April 30, 2011

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled $13.5 million for the month and $91.5 million year-to-date. Expenditures were $4.7 million for the month and $54.0 million year-to-date.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes for April totaled $86.5 million and $569.7 million year-to-date. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was $147.2 million year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was $59.5 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At April 30, 2011, the tribal government funds had $136.9 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, $18.5 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had $181.8 million in cash and investments which is reserved for accounts payable and business operations.

As of April 30, 2011, tribal operations, excluding federal program funding, had net assets of $1,196 billion compared to $1,145 billion at January 31, 2011 or an increase of $51 million.

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
For the Seven Months Ended April 30, 2011

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues	3,902,407	569,745,548	573,647,956
Transfers from businesses to tribal government	87,658,591	(87,658,591)	-
Total funds available	91,560,998	482,086,958	573,647,956
Expenditures			
General government	6,338,414		6,338,414
Legislature	963,991		963,991
Judiciary	526,527		526,527
Education	10,701,166		10,701,166
Heritage Preservation	7,412,822		7,412,822
Health	10,046,884		10,046,884
Youth and Family Services	4,800,189		4,800,189
Nutrition Programs	2,729,251		2,729,251
Regulatory	4,646,118		4,646,118
Assistance Programs	5,891,483		5,891,483
Gaming expense		302,746,584	302,746,584
Other businesses' expense		119,744,008	119,744,008
Total expenditures	54,056,845	422,490,592	476,547,437
Increase in net assets	37,504,153	59,596,366	97,100,519
Beginning net assets	518,376,524	580,945,883	1,099,322,407
Ending net assets	555,880,677	640,542,248	1,196,422,926

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Net Assets
April 30, 2011

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments	136,925,988	181,895,384	318,821,373
Receivables	40,361,638	54,093,912	94,455,550
Inventory	187,537	5,662,649	5,850,186
Prepaid expenses		20,020,545	20,020,545
Other Assets		10,497,533	10,497,533
Fixed assets	378,674,462	520,495,704	899,170,166
Less payables	(268,948)	(152,123,480)	(152,392,428)
Net Assets	555,880,677	640,542,248	1,196,422,926

Chickasaw ballplayer contributing to community in variety of ways

Ryan Woerz warms up for the state tournament game in broken Arrow.

Ryan Woerz, a senior at Ardmore (OK) High School was recently honored by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes for his play on the high school baseball team. Ryan, who carries a 3.6 grade point average, was also named national scholar athlete as well as Johnson-O'Malley student of the year at Ardmore High School.

"We are very proud of Ryan's accomplishments," said Governor Bill Anoatubby. "He displays solid moral character and a strong work ethic in his academic work as well as his athletic endeavors."

Ryan came back from a serious knee injury to be one of the leaders on the team which advanced to the state tournament after taking first place in the regional tournament.

In November of last year, Ryan suffered a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his knee, which required surgery. While doctors said it normally takes six months to recover sufficiently to play sports, Ryan suffered additional complications.

Despite a staphylococcus infection which could have delayed his recovery event further, Ryan returned to the baseball field after only five months and one week.

He credits his fast recovery to his faith in Christ and hard work.

"I don't think I would have worked as hard if I didn't know Christ," Ryan said.

Ryan puts his faith into action in other ways as well. He took part in a mission trip to Oklahoma City where he and other members of his youth group repaired the home of a man recovering from addiction. He said the trip was an eye-opening experience.

He said the man his group helped was a new Christian who had very little in the way of material possessions, but was thankful for what he had and demonstrated a strong faith in God.

Ryan has spoken to students at several Christian Camps as well as assisting younger players at the Chickasaw Nation baseball camp.

After graduation, he plans to attend college at the Ardmore Higher Education Center in Ardmore and assist the youth leader at the Methodist Church in Ardmore.

When asked about his future career, he says simply, "I'm still praying about it."

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'...an absolutely majestic piece of work'

Young Chickasaw photographer presents Rep. Cole with art

Ryan Rico presents his photo to U.S. Rep. Tom Cole April 27 at the McSwain Theatre in Ada. From left, Ryan's father Juan Rico, Congressman Cole, Ryan and his mother Lori Rico.

ADA, Okla. - A serene photo of a buffalo with the evening sun in the background, taken at the Chickasaw Nation Recreation Area in Sulphur, Okla., brought together a Chickasaw youth and a U.S. Congressman recently in Ada.

Ryan Rico said it was a "great experience" to meet Rep. Tom Cole, (R-Okla.) and present him the picture he took two years ago.

"I was amazed that he liked my picture," the 15-year-old said.

Ryan had entered the picture in a congressional art contest. Though it didn't win, it certainly caught Rep. Cole's attention and he inquired about it.

When Ryan's family found out that the Congressman was visiting Ada in April, they decided to gift him the original photograph.

"It's just an absolutely majestic piece of work and it's so quintessentially Oklahoma and really shows a fine eye," Rep. Cole said. "I am very impressed with it."

Ryan, who has been taking pictures since he was 13, is a Chickasaw Nation Design and Marketing Class student.

Offered by the tribal Arts and Humanities Division each year, the course provides the students with hands-on experience in every aspect of the design and marketing process of their artwork, including conception, creation, promotion and distribution. Students also learn to create their own artist portfolio book and DVD, containing their resume, biography, examples of their artwork and their headshots. The DVD can be mailed out to museums, art galleries and art competitions.

"I learned how to market myself as a young artist and sell my art," Ryan said.

So far, Ryan has sold three photographs, two of which are now hanging at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center in Ada.

Ryan lives in Ada and is the son of Juan and Lori Rico. His siblings are two-year-old Jackson and two-month-old Louella.

To learn more about the design and marketing course and the application process, please contact the Division of Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

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NEWS FROM LITTLE MISS CHICKASAW PRINCESS

Maegan Carney
Little Miss Chickasaw

Chukma!

Saholchifoat Maegan Carney. I am having a great time as the Little Miss Chickasaw Princess. I am 12 years old and I am in the 6th grade at Ardmore (OK) Middle School. My parents are Richard and Angie Carney. I am the granddaughter of Sampson and Mary Underwood of Sulphur, Okla., and the late Era Mae Carney.

In the month of April, we flew to Albuquerque, N.M. The first night we went to the Hard Rock Hotel for the Miss Indian World pageant.

All the contestants had great talents. We took pictures with some of the contestants and a lot of the other princesses from other tribes. We also took a picture with the guitarist Mickie Free.

On Friday we went to the Gathering of Nations for the grand entry. There were many, many dancers in the grand entry. The floor was so full, we could barely move and the drums were really loud. It was exciting to be there!

On Saturday we went to Sky City and did some sightseeing along the way. We saw mountains, volcanoes, and a cave.

Later we went back to the Gathering of Nations for the grand entry and we walked around the crafts. We also went to Stage 49 where we took pictures with James and Ernie. We also took pictures with the band "Upon Darkness". They are Navajo and really funny.

We met actress, Natasha Johnson, from the movie "Turquoise Rose" and took a picture with her. She was really nice and pretty. My mom bought her movie for us to watch at home.

I had a great time in Albuquerque! I met a lot of princesses and famous people. I had a great time with Sesily Robertson, Taloa Underwood and Mary Hartley!

Yakoke,
Maegan Carney

BIRTHDAYS

Twila June Adams Miller

A very special Happy Birthday to a very special mom.

We want to wish Twila June Adams Miller, named because she was born at twilight the last day of June, a happy birthday all throughout the month of June. She was born June 30, 1936 on the family farm seven miles north of Lindsay, Okla.

She is the daughter of Jewell "Mannie" Cook and granddaughter of Etta "Rosie" Colbert Nichols and Luther Nichols.

Moving to Arizona in the early 60s, she currently resides in Phoenix and is a proud Chickasaw citizen and member at-large and attends local community councils meetings. She attends the Chickasaw Festival and Annual Meeting faithfully every year and went on the 2009 Chickasaw trip to Memphis, and will be attending the 2011 upcoming trip to Savannah, Ga.

She served as valedictorian of her eighth grade class and worked for Bashas' Corporation in Arizona for over 30 years.

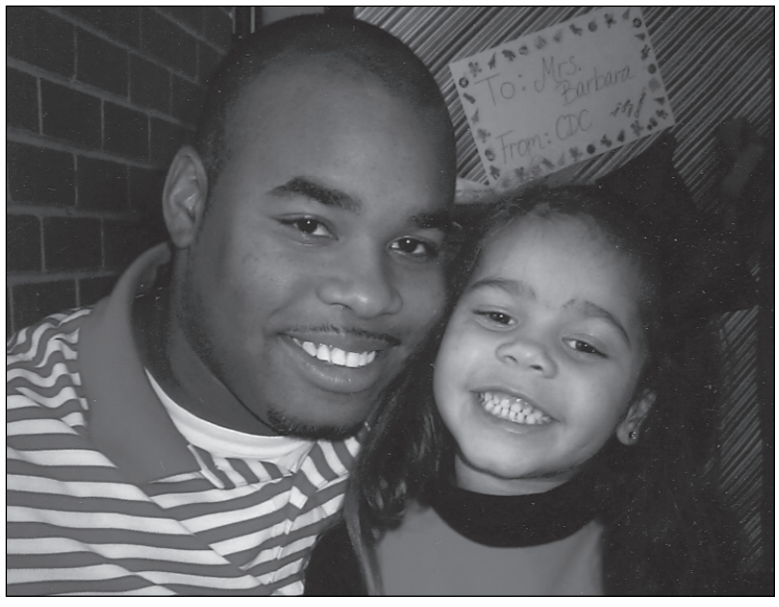
Twila June has always had a huge heart for the elderly and animals. She has demonstrated a lifetime of love, service and care for the senior community.

She is passionately involved in the Arizona Animal Humane Society. Personally rescuing, rehabilitating and feeding homeless and abandoned animals, she is a true "animal whisperer." Twila June was the instrumental leader of the Sulphur mainstreet mural in Sulphur, Okla.

She spearheads her local Phoenix neighborhood watch program, and is an active member of the Phoenix Library Club. She loves to enter her inherited 1972 Chevrolet Malibu in the The Sulphur (OK) Car Show and has even won first prize. She has also been integral in the restoration of historical headstones throughout Oklahoma cemeteries.

Her family and friends who love her very much and wish her a very Happy 75th Birthday are: her son, Scott Durwood Miller and wife, Sheila and their four children, Caleb and spouse Evan, Jennifer, Bethany and spouse Jules, and Addie Rose, all of Arizona; her daughter, Becky Linn Miller Conti and husband, Ed Conti and their two children, Calli Kate and Kensey Grace, all of California; her sister Susie Purcell, of Blanchard, Okla., her sweet Aunt Mary Jane, of Chickasha, Okla., her special friend Tony, cousins Jerry and Gwen of Norman, Okla., Linda, Norma and Durwood, as well as many other friends. To our special Twila June: You are loved very much and your family and friends and all your animals wish you a Wonderful Happy Birthday!

Scott Miller, Twila June Adams Miller and Becky Conti.



Joe and Justyce Booker

Happy Birthday Joe and Justyce Booker.

Joe celebrated his birthday May 13, 2011 and Justyce will celebrate her birthday June 19, 2011.

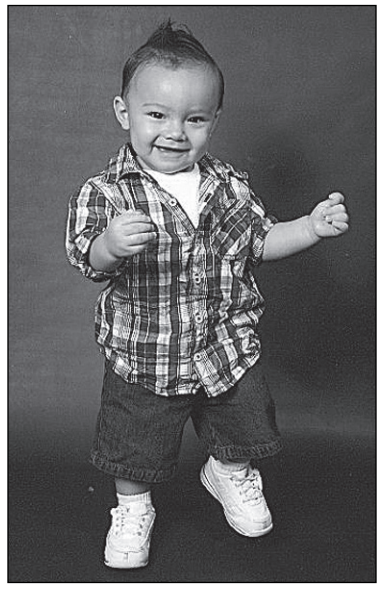
Jeremiah 29:11 - For I know the thoughts that I think toward you saith the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

Joe's parents are Joe and Delita Booker, of Ardmore, Okla. He is the gradson of Charles and Lizzie Brown, of Milo, Okla., and Emma Jean Booker, of Ardmore and the late Joe Booker.

Justyce is the daughter of Joe and Jennifer Booker. She is the sister of JB (Joe Booker IV).

She is the granddaughter of Joe and Delita Booker and Allen and Tammy Reese, of Nardin, Okla. She is the great-granddaughter of Oleta Moore, Bob and Helen Reese, Charles and Lizzie Brown and Emma Jean Booker and the late Joe Booker.

May God bless both of you on this day.



Augustine Julio Joseph Salas

Augustine Julio Joseph Salas 'Loksi' turned one June 2.

He is the son of Daniel and Megan Salas and the little brother of Martina Salas.

He is the grandson of Cris and Larry Moore, Dennis and Gina Edelman, Phyllis and Marvin Wolfe and the Late Michael Salas, all of Wichita, Kan. He is the great-grandson of Lynn and Louie Stumblingbear, Erminia Rodriquez, of Wichita, Refugio and Pauline Salas, of Newton, Kan., and Ken and the late Georgia Edelman, of Jet, Okla.

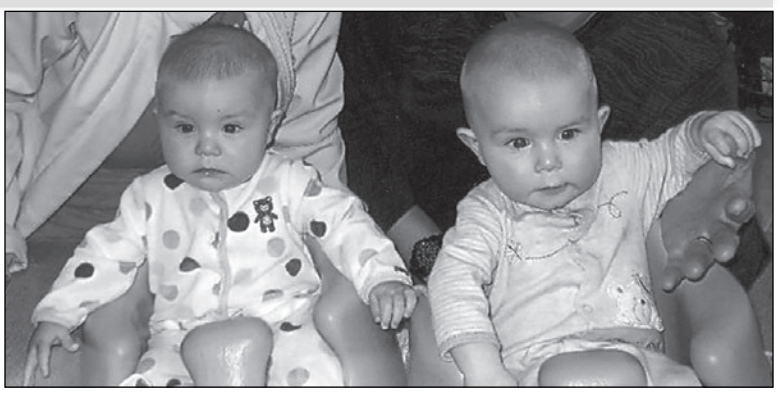
BIRTHS

Wake Del Berst

Wake Del Berst was born May 10, 2011 at 10:30 p.m. at the Chickasaw Medical Center. He weighed 7 lbs., 14 oz., and measured 19.5 inches at birth.

He is the son of Justin and Kara Berst. He has a sister, Navaeh Smith, 9, and a brother, Deakon Smith, 4.

He is the grandson of Del and Laquita Johnson, of Allen, Okla., Dale Berst, of Sulphur, Okla., and Lois Walker, of Stonewall, Okla. He is the great-grandson of Ruth Ashby, of Ada, Okla.



Myles Joseph and Rowan Jameson Baird

Twin boys Myles Joseph Baird and Rowan Jameson Baird were born Nov. 1, 2010 in Portland, Ore.

Proud parents are Bryan and Leah Baird, of Portland.

Grandparents are Hugh and Gretchen Baird, Lucinda Nell Looney, of Ada, Okla., and Paul Glenn Jameson, of Seattle.

Leah Baird is the great-great-granddaughter of original enrollees Susie Nedd MaGee Aldrich and Albert Alonzo Aldrich.

Complete the Customer Service Survey and win!

Chickasaw citizens who complete a tribal customer service survey can win $100.

Chickasaws can access the Customer Service Survey through the tribal website at www.chickasaw.net. The survey seeks input from citizens regarding tribal programs, services and customer service.

After completing the survey, enter the giveaway. The $100 will be given away each quarter. Winners will be announced in *the Chickasaw Times.*

Pride and Joy

Alicia Cooper

Alicia Cooper, 15, attends Latta School, Ada, Okla., and is the daughter of Dalena and Eric Steidley. She is the granddaughter of Dale and Patty Cooper, of Ada, and the great-granddaughter of Ruby McKinney, of Ada, and the great-great-granddaughter of the late Caroline Milligan.

Alicia is our pride and joy because she is beautiful, caring and always helpful when needed. She has a plan for her future and hopes to have her own business one day. Alicia loves to sing, participate in Chickasaw activities and go on hikes.

Jason Steidley

Jason Steidley, 10, attends Latta School, Ada, Okla., and is the son of Dalena and Eric Steidley. He is the grandson of Dale and Patty Cooper, of Ada, and the great-grandson of Ruby McKinney and the great-great-grandson of the late Caroline Milligan.

Jason is our pride and joy because he is handsome, very caring and loving and funny. He always brightens the cloudy days. Jason loves to play games, nature and to hang out with his family.

Christian Steidley

Christian Steidley, 13, attends Latta School, Ada, Okla., and is the daughter of Dalena and Eric Steidley. She is the granddaughter of Dale and Patty Cooper, of Ada, Okla., and the great-granddaughter of Ruby McKinney, of Ada, and the great-great-granddaughter of the late Caroline Milligan.

She is our pride and joy because she is beautiful, smart and funny. Christian knows who she is as a person and doesn't care what others think. She loves to read, participate in Chickasaw activities and make art.

Mateo Gutierrez a top reading student

Mateo Gutierrez, a second grade student at Stonewall (OK) Elementary School, has been recognized for his reading efforts.

Mateo was awarded a trophy for reading 300 books. He is also on the Principal's Honor Roll and is a member of the 100-point Club.

Mateo is the son of Gene and Refugio Gutierrez.

His grandparents are Bill Pickens and the late Naomi Faye Pickens, Donnie Howard Smith and the late Lonie Long Smith.

Help us update our military list!

The Chickasaw Nation is updating the military database for those on active duty and stationed away from home.

If you know of a Chickasaw in the service whom you would like to add to the list or update their address, please contact Joy Barrick in the Public Affairs Department at (580) 310-6451 or email joy.barrick@chickasaw.net.

CHICKASAW STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Front row from left, Zakery Kirk, Steve Kirk, Shelbie Kirk and Donna Kirk. Back row from left, Sulphur former coach Blake Crawford, former Hillsdale coach Ken Williams and Joey Muck, youth minister at Sulphur First Freewill Baptist Church.

Shelbie Kirk signs softball letter with Hillsdale

A Chickasaw high school athlete has recently signed a letter of intent to play collegiate softball.

Sulphur (OK) High School graduate Shelbie Sue Kirk signed with Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College, Moore, Okla.

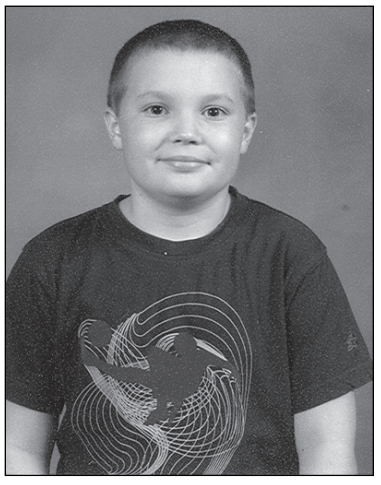
She plans to major in sports kinesiology and minor in missionary studies at Hillsdale.

Shelbie is the daughter of Steve and Donna Kirk, of Davis, Okla. She is the granddaughter of Ernest and Flora Kirk, of Davis, and Evelyn Hays, of Wynnewood, Okla., and the late Donald Hays.

Shelbie would like to extend special thanks to her coaches including her father, Kevin Tiger and Leonard Koch. She extends an invitation to everyone to come out and support the Hillsdale Saints this season.

Synergy 12U girls

Congratulations to Oklahoma Synergy 12U fastpitch for their second place finish at Oklahoma City's the Plex "April Showers" tournament. Oklahoma Synergy's 2011 schedule includes appearances in tournaments throughout the region, including Pitch for the Cure in Arkansas and the Sparkler Junior in Colorado. Way to go, ladies! Front row, from left, Morgan Woodward (Chickasaw), Maebree Abney (Chickasaw), Sarah Bratcher and Allison Young. Middle row, from left, Lakelynn Anderson and Chelsea Alexander.Back row, from left, Cheyenne Woodward (Chickasaw), Maria Priest, Kiersten Love, Hannah Roberts and Perri Cole (Chickasaw).



Trenton Way

Trenton Way now a published author

A young Chickasaw student has recently become a published author.

Trenton Way, 11, of Healdton, Okla., has written and illustrated "Lost Dio." The book has been published by Creations By You.

Trenton enjoys Chickasaw Children's Choir, Chickasaw Language Club, martial arts and video games.

Andrew Cole

Chickasaw goalkeeper on state runner-up

Chickasaw sophomore student Andrew Cole is a member of the varsity high school soccer team at Deer Creek High School. The team was awarded the runner-up medal in 5A soccer following Deer Creek's appearance in the state finals May 14, 2011 at Bixby, Okla.

Andrew plays the position of goalkeeper.

For the second consecutive year he was awarded the Deer Creek Academic Excellence Award from the Deer Creek Foundation.

He is the son of Sean and Noelle Cole and the grandson of the late Smith Cole.

Tribal administrator named to Treasury advisory board

Holly Easterling

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Internal Revenue Service recently announced the selection of Holly Easterling to the Advisory Committee on Tax Exempt and Government Entities (ACT). Members of the ACT are consulted on issues related to employee retirement plans, tax-exempt organizations, local and tribal governments, among others.

"ACT members provide feedback and insight on a wide variety of issues related to providing sound tax administration," said IRS Commissioner Doug Shulman.

Ms. Easterling will join members of the committee who provide consultation on issues relating to tribal governments. Previously, members of the committee have provided input on matters including tax-exempt economic development bonds and government-to-government relationships, among others.

Ms. Easterling is the Administrator of the Chickasaw Nation Division of Planning and Organizational Development. She served as an elected official in the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, including serving as Chair of the legislature and Chair of the Finance Committee. She served as Controller for Chickasaw Enterprises, the business division of the Chickasaw Nation.

The ACT meets periodically and will submit a report to the agency on June 15, 2011 at a public meeting. ACT members generally serve a two-year term with a possible one-year extension. The 10 new participants join 11 returning members.

CONTRIBUTED BY Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Jordan Colbert to national SURF Cup

Jordan Colbert

A Chickasaw soccer player and her teammates recently won a Texas tournament featuring some of the best teams in the region.

Jordan Colbert is a member of Liverpool 00 soccer team from McKinney, Texas. The team won the Texas Cup following a two-week tournament that included the best teams in North Texas.

Liverpool beat its league rivals Solar 00 of Fort Worth, 2-1, to win the Texas Cup.

Liverpool also won the Labor Day 2010 tournament.

Jordan and her teammates will represent North Texas at the national SURF Cup tournament in San Diego in July.

Jordan's father is Walter Colbert. Jordan is a direct descendant of James Logan Colbert and she takes much pride in her Chickasaw heritage.

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Shipp, Colbert to marry July 30 in Texas

Johnny Colbert and Julie Shipp

Johnny Colbert and Julie Shipp, of McKinney, Texas have announce their engagement.

Ms. Shipp is a professional artist and Professor of Art at Dallas.

Mr. Colbert is a manufacturing engineer and founder of the Raytheon American Indian Network (RAIN) diversity group representing North Texas.

He is a direct descendant of James Logan Colbert.

The couple have set a July 30 wedding date.

They will be married in Richardson, Texas and will reside at McKinney.

This month on CNTV

CNTV will showcase the first ever Chickasaw Chamber Music Festival. Watch performance highlights and interviews from this unique three-day classical music festival.

"Pearl," the Chickasaw Nation's first feature film, will have its Oklahoma television premiere this month. We'll tell you when and how you can watch this award-winning film.

The Chickasaw Nation continues to grow! Tune in and get a look at some of the new facilities being dedicated this month.

….and much more! New episodes are available on the first and fifteenth of each month.

Visit www.chickasaw.tv and click on the News channel to watch CNTV.

Chickasaw Times moves office to 12th Street in Ada

The offices of *the Chickasaw Times* have recently been relocated.

The Times is now located at 230 E. 12th Street, Ada, Okla.

The phone number at the newspaper remains the same, (580) 332-2977.

To contact *the Times* by mail, send material to *The Chickasaw Times*, P.O. Box 1548, Ada, OK 74821.

To contact *Times* editor Tom Bolitho by email, the address is tom.bolitho@chickasaw.net

To contact *Times* office manager Vicky Gold by email, the address is vicky.gold@chickasaw.net

Connections

Connections is a weekly radio program on KCNP that covers a variety of topics and issues.

Each week, special guests are invited to discuss their areas of experience and expertise with host Brian Brashier.

Connections airs live on KCNP at 11 a.m. CST each Wednesday on 89.5 FM or streaming online at www.kcnpradio.org.

This month on Connections:

June 1 – "Keeping Kids Safe and Active"

School's out for summer! We'll talk about ways parents can keep kids engaged with fun and age-appropriate activities during the summer break.

June 8 – "Hazards in the Home"

There is a good chance that there are many hidden hazards in your house. Our guest this week is a home and safety expert who will discuss how to make your home a safer place.

June 15 – "Preserving Family Memories"

Thanks to technology, families now have many tools they can use to record special moments. Join us as we discover how people can document and store family memories for future generations.

June 22 – "Why is my pet sick?"

We'll talk with a local veterinarian this week. Tune in and find out some common causes of pet illness and what to do when your dog or cat isn't feeling well.

June 29 – "Is That Against the Law?"

Driving barefoot, towing another car, driving with the parking lights on – did you know these acts were against the law? Our guest in the studio will be a law enforcement officer. Call in your question and save yourself from a ticket!

July 6 – "Gone Fishing"

Get your fishing pole ready. We'll talk with an experienced fisherman and get advice on what techniques, bait and gear you should use for your next fishing trip within the Chickasaw Nation.

Listeners are invited to call the show's toll-free line at 1-TLK-895-KCNP (1-855-895-5267) to talk to each week's guest.

Questions and comments for guests can also be emailed to feedback@kcnpradio.org.

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89.5 FM KCNP CHICKASAW COMMUNITY RADIO

Chickasaw artist combines the theatre, race track to form career

Nancy McDoniel

In kindergarten, Chickasaw citizen Nancy McDoniel was given a lump of clay out of which she formed a horse.

Decades later, she goes to race tracks around New York City to take photos of horses to use for her paintings.

"I guess I've come full circle," she said. "Horses have been an animal and an image that has stayed close to my heart."

Painting is a passion of Ms. McDoniel's; so is acting. When she was six, she told her family she wanted to be in the movies.

She said that when you fall in love with two different art forms, it can be difficult to find a balance between them.

"It always seems like at some point, one will take over and the other will get lost for a bit," she said.

Originally from Missouri, Ms. McDoniel moved to New York as a flight attendant in 1977 and began pursuing her acting career soon after.

She did her best, however, not to neglect her desire to paint. She took and continues to take classes at the Art Students' League of New York.

"It recharges my batteries and fuels my need to paint," she said. "It keeps me sharp."

She creates images inspired by the culture surrounding the sport of horse racing and has found a parallel between her beloved theater and the atmosphere of the track.

"Being at a race track is almost like being at the theater," she said. "The costume…the grandeur…the excitement."

As an actress, Ms. McDoniel has appeared in movies such as "United 93," several TV series including "Law & Order" and "Curb Your Enthusiasm" as well as countless stage productions in New York City and abroad.

She represents her tribe in two Native American groups in her region: The American Indian Community House and Amerinda, Inc., a group for Native American artists.

She said she was becoming more and more familiar with the Chickasaw Nation's efforts to promote arts and education and it makes her extremely proud of her heritage.

"I think it is fantastic the tribe is offering so many opportunities to its citizens and putting such an emphasis on the arts and our culture," she said.

Ms. McDoniel is currently preparing for a play entitled "Thieves" by Native American playwright William Yellowrobe.

Ms. McDoniel is the granddaughter of original enrollee Oscar Colbert. She and her husband, photographer Dennis Martin, live in New York City.

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Chickasaw writer's songs featured in movie

John Stevenson

A recently released Western movie "Mad, Mad, Wagon Party" features original music by John Stevenson, an artist of Chickasaw and Cherokee heritage.

Mr. Stevenson said the movie, starring George Kennedy, featured three of his original songs as well as some of his bows, arrows and quivers.

The movie is produced and directed by Dwight Brooks, and was released to theaters March 11.

Mr. Stevenson, of Pickett, Okla., has produced two CDs of his flute music. He also makes Native American bows, arrows, stone tools, river cane blowguns and river-cane flutes.

He participates in cultural shows at various schools and organizations and demonstrates "how Native American tools were made and used by our people in their daily lives."

The 62-year-old, who teaches fourth grade at Pickett-Center Elementary School, is retiring at the end of this year after 14 years of teaching career. He plans to pursue his passion for music and art full time.

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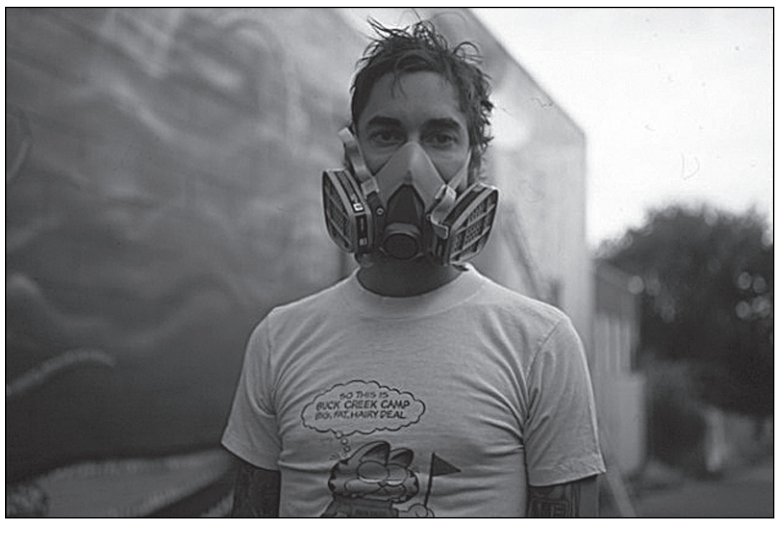
Diamond Dolls

Chickasaw Nyla Hatton-Wills, back row, thrid from left, and her team The Diamond Dolls recently placed second at the Matthew's Park 2011 Pre Season T-Ball Tournament! The Diamond Dolls are coached by Head Coach - Sheree Cox, Assist. Coach – Tony Collins, and Assist. Coach – Frank Lindsay. The team is sponsored by T-N-T Construction and Cactus Plumbing.

From Seattle to Berlin, young artist creating eco-friendly projects



Chickasaw artist Karl Kelm, also known as "Addison," stands by the mural "Squid vs. Whale," which he co-painted with another artist Pixeltron in Seattle, in 2009. *Photo by Charlie Lane.*

As long as Karl Addison Kelm could remember, he had wanted to be an artist.

Influenced by cartoons and comics as well as his older brother, who "could draw anything he liked blindfolded," Mr. Kelm started drawing at a very young age.

"When I could hold a pencil or crayon I started drawing," the 28-year-old Chickasaw said.

One of his proudest recollections of his early artwork is a bison he painted on a mural in his grade school hallway in Tempe, Ariz.

"In school, art class was my favorite and the place I wanted to be," he said.

Two decades later, Mr. Kelm, who goes by his artist name Addison, is actively pursuing his passion for art in Berlin, Germany.

He works in several media from pen and ink to paintings and illustrations. His artworks have appeared in several exhibitions, murals and books and spans several countries, including United States, Canada, Japan, Israel and Palestine.

"A big push is to put up art in every city I visit - to share my culture and my world with others," he said. "Everything I see around me is constantly being taken in for ideas and concepts to make new drawings."

He also owns a Seattle-based "green" screen printing company Partybots Eco-Apparel and Art, which uses the latest eco-friendly printing methods, organic products and sustainable soy-based chemicals.

"In today's capitalistic society you have more social and political impact with where you choose to spend your money," he said. "Even with the economy being in a recession, it's important to keep the standards high."

Mr. Kelm's environment-conscious attitude has led him to adopt a vegan lifestyle as well as give up his car for a bicycle. He is also passionate about Mercy for Animals, a non-profit organization dedicated to preventing cruelty to farmed animals and promoting compassionate food choices and policies.

Mr. Kelm's latest publication "Zoo! Creatures of Curiosity" is a collection of his drawings of imaginary animals and depicts his love for animals. The "fictitious scientific journal" contains the animal biographies with their habitat, height, weight, life span, diet and location found on the world map.

"Growing up, we always had animals in the house - sort of a zoo," he said. "This gives you a lot of love and compassion towards other life beyond the human species. With the more cities we build, the more animals are forced in to smaller areas and disappear altogether from their natural homes."

Coming up next for Mr. Kelm is a new drawing series about Native American heroes. The project, he said, was a direct result of his Chickasaw and Choctaw heritage.

Mr. Kelm is a son of Patricia Ann Bohreer-Kelm, of Arizona. His great grandmother Harriet Edna Godfrey Bohreer (Chickasaw) and great grandfather Addison Bohreer (Choctaw) were both original enrollees.

To learn more about Mr. Kelm or view his artworks, please visit www.idrawalot.com or www.partybots.org.

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Nominations now being accepted for Dynamic Woman of the Year

The Chickasaw Nation is now accepting nominations for the 2011 Dynamic Woman of the Year Award.

All nominations and supporting documentation must be turned in to the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities by August 12, 2011.

Established in 2006, the Dynamic Woman award honors Chickasaw women who have made significant contributions to the Nation, served as role models to other Chickasaw women and who have made a difference in the lives of Chickasaws and other citizens, enriching their communities and society at large.

The Dynamic Woman of the Year Award salutes the contributions the recipient has made to improving and enhancing the lives of those around her, her professional accomplishments and her dedication to preserving the cultural heritage of the Chickasaw Nation.

Chickasaw women, age 35 and older, with proof of citizenship through Chickasaw Nation Citizenship documentation or Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB), are eligible. Women who are currently serving as Chickasaw elected officials or in an appointed position of the tribal executive branch are not eligible.

Women who are considered for this award are those who are distinguished and are pioneers in their professional field; those who have championed other women and women's issues; and those who exemplify and uphold Chickasaw values, culture and traditions.

The honoree will receive her award at the Chickasaw Arts and Culture Awards Ceremony during the Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Festival in Tishomingo, Okla.

Additional nominations and information can be obtained by calling the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

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2011 Chickasaw Nation Dynamic Woman of the Year

AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Deadline for nomination and supporting documents: Friday, August 12, 2011

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING ABOUT THE NOMINEE YOU WISH TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THIS YEARÕS AWARD. Thank you for printing clearly.

Nominee's full name: _____

Address (if you know it): _____

City and state where currently residing: _____

Phone or cell phone of nominee: _____
Is this? ☐ home ☐ work ☐ cell

How long have you known the nominee? _____ ☐ years ☐ months

Your relationship to nominee: ☐ relative ☐ friend ☐ co-worker ☐ other _____

On separate paper, please include a detailed description of:

- Reason for nomineeÕs importance
- Past and present activities of the nominee
- Accomplishments, awards and/or special honors
- Outstanding contributions to family, community and/or Chickasaw Nation
- Short biographical information (may include resume, vitae, newspaper or magazine articles, or other information)
- A recent photograph (black & white or color; returned after final selection is made)

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FOR OUR RECORDS AND FOR FURTHER QUESTIONS REGARDING THE NOMINEE, IF REQUIRED.

Your name: _____

Address:_____ City_____ ST____ Zip_____

Best phone to contact you: _____
Is this? ☐ home ☐ work ☐ cell

Please submit this form along with all documentation by August 12, 2011, to the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities. Information may be submitted via:

Mail OR **Fax**

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School to Work students earn ECU, SOSU degrees; technology certifications

A dozen Chickasaw Nation School to Work students celebrated the completion of their coursework at area schools and universities recently. Three of these students are already on their career paths with employments within and outside the tribe.

Rachel Marie Redman, of Ardmore, Okla., completed her associates degree in nursing at Murray State College in Tishomingo, Okla. She has been offered employment at the Mercy Memorial Health Center in Ardmore.

Graduating from East Central University in Ada, Okla., with a bachelor's degree in human services counseling are Ardmore residents Erica Minor and Natosha Shelton.

Ms. Minor works for the tribal Division of Youth and Family as a domestic violence advocate. She has a minor in psychology.

Ms. Shelton works as a social worker for the Chickasaw Nation Family Advocacy in Ardmore.

Other students graduating with a bachelor's degree from ECU are:

· Kandie Jean Lowe-Vossler, of Tishomingo, health information management;

· Pamela Filipelli, of Paoli, Okla., studio art;

· SharLee Knighten, of Moran, Texas, English;

· Ronda Sockey, of Ada, human resources.

Two students obtained their bachelor's degree from Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant, Okla.:

· Andrea Lois Johns, of Lone Grove, Okla., business administration;

· Keri Truett, of Tishomingo, computer information system.

Completing their coursework from Pontotoc Technology Center in Ada are:

· Amanda Lauren Kretzschmar, of Ada, licensed practical nurse;

· Eric Murray, of Ada, business management and administration;

· Arlinda Tso, of Ada, administrative assistant

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About School to Work

The program helps eligible traditional and non-traditional Chickasaw students complete their education while gaining work experiences through an on-the-job training.

Students attend class and work in internship programs, typically in an area associated with their field of study. Students are considered employees and receive a paycheck and benefits for their efforts.

For more information about the School to Work Program, please visit www.chickasaw.net or contact Valerie Nix at (580) 559-0815 in Ada and Don Mose at (580) 222-2839 in Ardmore.

Chickasaw Children's Village produces high school, eighth-grade graduates

Kingston High School graduates

From left, Selina Taylor, Mathew Postoak, Ashley Tso, Amanda Evans, Karla Krueger, Nathan Reeves. Not Pictured Bryce Bumpass.

Eighth-grade graduates

From left, Kylee Gonzales, Isiah Farias, Stringfellow Lewis, Cameron Lewis, Caleb Gonzales, Danny Charley. Not Pictured Dilan Shipley, Tristian Wilson, Manuel Pachico.

The Chickasaw Children's Village in Kingston, Okla., recently completed the school year with a total of 65 students.

The staff at the Chickasaw Children's Village wish to recognize the hard work of all the students this year, particularly those students celebrating 8th grade graduation and high school graduation.

Kingston Schools conducted the 8th grade graduation ceremonies on May 10 with eight Chickasaw Children's Village students graduating. Those students are: Dylan Shipley, Chickasaw, of Kingston; Cameron Lewis, Chickasaw, of Ardmore, Okla.; Stringfellow Lewis, Chickasaw, of Ardmore; Danny Charley, Cheyenne/Arapaho, of Oklahoma City; Manuel Pachico, Chickasaw, of Durant, Okla.; Tristian Wilson, Chickasaw, of Durant; Isaiah Farias, Chickasaw, of Ada, Okla; and Caleb Gonzales, Kickapoo, of Oklahoma City.

Graduating Chickasaw Children's Village seniors from Kingston High School are: Ashley Tso, Chickasaw, of Ada.; Nathan Reeves, Choctaw, of Kingston; Selina Taylor, Chickasaw, of Ardmore; Amanda Evans, Seminole-Creek, of Ardmore; Karla Krueger, Cheyenne/Arapaho, of Converse Texas; Matt Postoak, Chickasaw, of Ada; and Bryce Bumpass, Chickasaw, of Kingston.

Career Development Initiative seeking Chickasaw applicants

The Career Development Initiative Program (CDI) is now accepting applications.

CDI is a six-month transitional program for qualified Chickasaw citizens in the Ada area. The program helps Chickasaws who have a barrier to employment find full-time work.

For additional information or to apply, please contact the CDI Office at (580) 272-5085.

'The Chickasaw Warrior' at Bacone

Governor Bill Anoatubby and Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel, right, with Bacone College President Rev. Dr. Robert J. Duncan, far left, and artist Enoch Kelly Haney gather at "The Chickasaw Warrior" on Bacone's campus in Muskogee, Okla. Mr. Haney, a Bacone alumnus, recently donated the bronze statue to the school. A celebration and dedication were May 14 during Founder's Day at the 131-year-old college.

Great summer events at the Cultural Center!

The Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur, Okla., has fun-filled, family-oriented and informational activities scheduled this summer. Nestled on 109 acres of rolling hills, the Center utilizes the latest technology, live demonstrations, ancient artifacts and natural outdoor spaces to tell the Chickasaw story.

June 11

· Chickasaw Press book signing, Holisso Center

· Meet a Chickasaw artist, Aachompa Gallery Gift Shop

· Stickball presentation, Traditional Village

June 18

· Scrapbooking workshop, Holisso Research Center

June 18 – 19

Father's Day Special

· Fathers receive free admission into the Chikasha Poya Exhibit Center

· Father and son archery contest, Traditional Village

June 25

· Genealogy workshop, Holisso Center

July 2

Children's Day

·Stickball, archery, nunni catch, storytelling, planting station, mini family tree, face painting, paper sack turban and bean bag loksi toss.

July 9

· Chickasaw Press book signing, Holisso Center

· Meet a Chickasaw artist, Aachompa Gallery Gift Shop

July 16

· Chickasaw Press book signing, Holisso Center

· Meet a Chickasaw artist, Aachompa Gallery Gift Shop

July 23

· Scrapbooking workshop, Holisso Research Center

July 23-24

One-year Anniversary Celebration

· $1 admission to the Chikasha Poya Exhibit Center

· $1 movie at the Anoli' Theater

· $1 specific café menu items at the Aaimpa' Cafe

July 30

· Genealogy workshop, Holisso Research Center

· Storytelling, Amphitheater

· Stomp Dance presentation, Traditional Village

The Cultural Center is located at 867 Charles Cooper Memorial Road. For more information, please call (580) 622-7130 or visit www.chickasawculturalcenter.com.

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Top Head Start volunteer at Tishomingo

Rachel Wood
Community Volunteer of the Year
Tishomingo Center 2010 – 2011
In Appreciation for Your Dedication and Service to
The Chickasaw Nation Head Start

Danny Wells, Chickasaw Nation Head Start Director, presents the community volunteer of the year plaque to Rachel Wood of Tishomingo. Ms. Wood contributed more than 150 hours of service.

Martial arts students compete in Classic

Chickasaw Nation Martial Arts program students competed in the Warrior Classic in Anadarko, Okla., on May 7. Following are tourament results.

Individual results: Brook Shackleford –1st sparing, 1st continuous sparing; Skye Shackleford –2nd sparing, 2nd continuous sparing; Katie Shackleford –1st forms, 1st sparing, 1st continuous sparing; Dale Shackleford –3rd forms, 1st sparing; Amanda Shackleford –2nd forms, 1st sparing; Ethan Eck –2nd forms, 1st sparing, 2nd continuous sparing; Rebekah Eck – 4th forms, 4th sparring, 4th continuous sparing; Macey Eck --1st forms, 1st sparing, 1st continuous sparing; Alissa McCuller --- 3rd forms, 4th sparing, 3rd continuous sparing; Ezra Johnson ---1st forms, 1st sparing, 1st continuous sparing; Kyler Ray – 3rd sparring; Peton Ray – 4th in forms; Jennifer Walker --- 3rd forms, 1st sparing, 2nd continuous sparing; Quinn Simmer -- 1st forms, 2nd sparing, 1st continuous sparing; Melvin Manley – 4th forms; Talyn Manley – 4th sparring; Ryder Holloway – 4th forms, 4th sparing, 4th continuous sparing; Wyatt Holloway – 2nd forms, 1st sparing; Glen Straughn --1st forms, 1st sparing, 1st continuous sparing; Will Craven -- 1st forms, 2nd sparing; Heidi Rhodes --1st forms, 1st sparing, 1st continuous sparing; John Englutt—3rd forms, 3rd sparing, 3rd continuous sparing and Julian Popa -- 1st forms, 2nd sparing. The Martial Arts program is operated by the tribal Department of Youth Services with classes offered in Ada, Ardmore, Purcell, Achille and Tishomingo. For more information about the program contact the Department of Youth Services at (580) 310-6620.

Students from the Chickasaw Nation Martial Arts program recently competed in the Warrior Classic in Anadarko, Okla., May 7. Twenty- three students from the Chickasaw Nation program, led by Matt Clark, placed in 54 divisions —26- 1st place/ 10- 2nd place/ 8- 3rd place/ 10- 4th place. Those participating were, back row from left: Lonnie Lawson, Martial Arts instructor, John Englutt, Kyle Straughn, Quinn Simmer, Ezra Johnston, Brooke Shackleford, Skye Shackleford, Katie Shackleford, Heidi Rhoades, Jennifer Walker, Amanda Shackleford and Matt Clark, Martial Arts coordinator. Front row, from left: Will Craven, Dale Shackleford, Ryder Holloway, Ethan Eck, Kyler Ray, Talyn Manley, Melvin Manley, Wyatt Holloway, Peyton Ray, Alissa McCuller, Rebeckah Eck and Macey Eck.

Summer scholarship and grant applications due to Education Services Department by June 15

The Chickasaw Nation Higher Education summer scholarship and grant application deadline is approaching soon.

Completed applications are due to the tribal Education Services Department by June 15.

Scholarships and grants are available to all Chickasaw students living within or outside Chickasaw Nation boundaries. Students must be Chickasaw and possess a Chickasaw citizenship card.

For more information and to obtain required scholarship and grant applications, contact the education services department at (580) 421-7711, deborah.hook@chickasaw.net or visit www.Chickasaw.net.

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Upcoming free rabies clinics

Native American pet owners are invited to bring their cats and dogs for a free vaccination at one of several rabies clinics planned this summer.

The clinics are sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation Community Health Representatives (CHR) program and vaccines will be administered by local veterinarians.

Participants should bring their pets and their CDIB card to one of the designated locations during the hours listed below.

Connerville
Thursday, June 9
Connerville Senior Site
10 a.m. – Noon

Madill
Thursday, June 23
Madill Senior Site
10 a.m. – Noon

Purcell
Tuesday, June 21
Purcell Area Office
10 a.m. – Noon

Enos
Thursday, June 30
Chickasaw Nation Community Center
10 a.m. – Noon

For more information, contact the Saundra Seeley at (580) 436-7256.

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Chickasaw Nation Head Start graduates more than 150 students

The Chickasaw Nation Head Start centers in Ada, Ardmore, Sulphur and Tishomingo hosted graduations for more than 150 students in May.

The students performed song routines for family and friends to celebrate their graduation day. Governor Bill Anoatubby and Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel presented diplomas and congratulated the graduates.

"We join all the families who take great pride in the Head Start students who are celebrating this milestone," said Gov. Anoatubby. "Head Start provides a great foundation for educational success which can help pave the way to many more significant accomplishments."

Head Start is a national program that promotes school readiness for children and helps them better prepare for kindergarten. The program serves children ages 3 to 4 from income-eligible families.

Applications for the Head Start program are accepted at the Chickasaw Nation Head Start Centers. Head Start centers are located in Ada, Ardmore, Sulphur and Tishomingo.

For more information about the Chickasaw Nation Head Start program and to receive an application, contact the education department at 580-421-7711, an area Head Start center or visit www.Chickasaw.net.

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Ada Head Start

Back row, from left: Head Start Director Danny Wells, Governor Bill Anoatubby, Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel and Education Administrator Lisa John. Third row, from left: Warrick Grant, Trenity Duvall, Ryan Sneed, Maytlynne Drinnon, Dylan Miller, Jocelyn Monroe, Julie Anglin, Xander Ward, Jaydess Mason, Patience Williams, Ariel Howling Wolf, Jordan Tiger and Devon Monroe. Second row, from left: Angel Laplante, Alyvia Turner, Josie King, Isaiah Jackson, Blake Vick, Ned Price, Josie Morgan, Abby Rodriquez, Marissa Trent, Landon Fixico, Tayler Williams, Nizhoni Gee-Hicks, Eliza Stick and Jazlynn Key. Front row, from left: Jaxson Bohanon, Brooklyn McAlister, Estrella Davilla, Kaylee Davis, Tytus Carpenter, Takota Walton, Marcus Hill, Aziah Frazier, Cooper Edgar, Maddy Specht, Stoney Cully, Shay Cox, Alona Cooper, Van Risner, Elizabeth Marshall, Sebastian Fuentes and Heaven Tamayo. Marcy Gray

Tishomingo Head Start:

Back row, from left: Head Start Director Danny Wells, Governor Bill Anoatubby, Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel and Education Administrator Lisa John. Third row, from left: Kody Hughes, Zachary Gastineau, Lexee Columbus, Annabeth McDaniel, Tallie Smith, Karli Linder, Blakelyn Pamplin and John David Runyan. Second row, from left: Summer Maldonado, Mason Worcester, Fisher Gastineau, Emerald Updegraff, Bradan Bivings, Braxtin Karpis, Cash Walker, Owen Baker and Rachel Miller. Front row, from left: Masen Fleming, Faith Ghammaghami, Devan Gibson, Patience Green, Hayden Brown, Jacie Lowe, Charlee Mayes, James Hill, LeKia Walker and Daniel Cavender.

Ardmore Head Start

Back row, from left: Head Start Director Danny Wells, Governor Bill Anoatubby, Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel and Education Administrator Lisa John. Fourth row, from left: Logan Gibson, Cecil Banasau, Abigail Bond, DeSean Mc Carroll, Yovanni Perez, Cirrianna Chiffer, Cole Davis, Kierra Dorsey, BreAnna Dry, Austin Hart, Teagan Johnson, JT Thompson, Masiah Lorens and Piper Taylor. Third row, from left: Ernesto Torres, Kevin Zapata, Zachary Bugbee, JaMarcus Brooks, Sutoria Carter, Pable Castro, Brayli Farve, Anna Holder, Landon Hudson, Michelle Jackson, Jaicee John, Preston Love and Joshua Martinez. Second row, from left: Mercedez Christie, Natajha Cohee, Marcus Guillen, Braden Powell, Jaden Seifman, Kaleah Lewis, Aaron Perez, Jalea Moore, Jasmine Palmer, Katarina Willmond, Pedro Yanez, Dalton Wolfe and Corrie Turner. Front row, from left: Khamylle Williamson, Coriaun Jackson, Dawsyn Hayes, Allyson Gill, Rye Blackwood, Irayz Sanchez, Diamante Williams, Rosa Gomez, Keaveon Lofton, Emily Lopez, Marya Southerland, Shayle McGlocklin and Kamariah Wright.

Sulphur Head Start:

Back row, from left: Education Administrator Lisa John, Governor Bill Anoatubby, Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel and Head Start Director Danny Wells. Third row, from left: Logan Woods, Rhyelyn Turner, Caleb Cochran, Jett Terry and Sinai Ugalde. Second row, from left: Coltyn Horton, Taby Roy, Harleigh Aaron, Ethan May, Keegan Bellefeuille, Trey Jones and Tydell Harvey. Front row, from left: Brody Priddy, Emily Jones, Blaze Northam, Tyler Brooks, Rance Digby and Alma Rios Ugalde.

March 2011 Outstanding Achievement Award recipients

Brendan Anoatubby

Brendan, son of Chris and Becky Anoatubby, of Ada, Okla., is a March 2011 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Academics.

Brendan Anoatubby

Brendan is in the sixth grade at Byng Elementary and was nominated by Indian education coordinator Stephanie DelFrate.

"Brendan is more than an ideal student," said Ms. DelFrate. "He carries a 4.0 grade point average and is involved in sports and other extracurricular activities."

Brendan has been a straight A student all throughout school. His favorite subject is math and his best subject is social studies.

Brendan plays the saxophone in the school band. Also for the past two years Brendan has attended the Chickasaw Nation Summer Arts Academy for theatre.

Brendan's favorite sport is basketball and has played baseball for four years.

"I want to become a NBA player or music producer," said Brendan. "I also want to attend the University of Kansas."

Raven Carney

Raven, daughter of Linda Underwood and Thurman Carney, of Ardmore, Okla., is a March 2011 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Citizenship.

Raven Carney

Raven is in the fifth grade at Jefferson Elementary School and was nominated by fifth grade teacher Lori Hoke.

"Raven is well liked by her peers and is a positive role model to all her friends," said Ms. Hoke.

Raven has been selected as Terrific Kid for Jefferson Elementary three times.

Raven was the 2009 Ardmore Dream Catcher's Little Miss Princess and she has been a member of the Chickasaw Choir and Stomp Dance Troupe.

"In the future, I want to become an artist and veterinarian," said Raven.

Kiara Burmeister

Kiara Burmeister

Kiara, daughter of Eva Denham and Mike Burmeister, of Ardmore, Okla., is a March 2011 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Drama.

Kiara is in the third grade at Jefferson Elementary School and was nominated by third grade teacher Gina Smith.

"Kiara has shown more effort in performing than most of the other students," said Ms. Smith. "She is always giving her best effort in all that she does."

Kiara's favorite subject in school is reading. Her favorite books are Dr. Seuss and the *Bailey School Kids* series by Debbie Dadey.

"My future goals are to become a veterinarian and singer," said Kiara.

Taylor Zilem

Taylor, daughter of Kim Zilem, of Ada, Okla. and Paul Zilem, of Nocona, Texas, is a March 2011 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Academics.

Taylor Zilem

Taylor is a sophomore at Latta High School and was nominated by math and English teacher Micah Turner.

"Taylor is an excellent role model for her peers and is a very hard worker" said Mr. Turner. "She puts forth 110 percent effort in her studies."

Taylor has been the mascot for the Latta Panthers for two consecutive years.

Taylor enjoys spending time with family and friends.

Taylor's hobbies include going to the movies and riding four wheelers and horses.

"After graduation, I plan to attend the Pontotoc Technology Center and become a cosmetologist," said Taylor.

Krista McNutt

Krista, daughter of Jamie and Chris McNutt, of Stratford, Okla., is a March 2011 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Academics.

Krista McNutt

Krista is in the seventh grade at Latta Junior High School and was nominated by algebra teacher Carri Storts.

"Krista is one of the hardest working students I have taught this year," said Ms. Storts. "She is always smiling and eager to get started."

Krista enjoys all her classes in school and her favorite subject is math.

Krista's hobbies are shopping, spending time with family and friends and helping others.

"When I grow up, I want to be famous," said Krista. "I want to be able to donate money to help people in need."

Bryson Ostrowski

Bryson, son of Sunnie Smith, of Hominy, Okla., is a March 2011 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Citizenship.

Bryson Ostrowski

Bryson is in the fourth grade at Cleveland Intermediate School and was nominated by third grade teacher Melanie Henley.

"Bryson is one of the most polite and courteous young men I have met," said Ms. Henley. "He has great manners and is a very hard worker."

Bryson enjoys living in the country and his hobbies include fishing and riding four wheelers.

"When I grow up, I want to be a marine biologist," said Bryson.

Matison Worcester

Matison, daughter of Shelli and Matt Worcester, of Ada, Okla., is a March 2011 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Overall Achievement.

Matison Worcester

Matison is in the sixth grade at Latta Elementary School and was nominated by sixth grade teacher Tammy Collins.

"Matison is a very personable conscientious young lady," said Ms. Collins. "She has a great attitude toward her school work and treats other students with respect."

Matison's hobbies include softball, basketball and swimming.

Matison's goals are to bungee jump, sky-dive, play on the USA softball team, help people who are starving and meet Justin Beiber.

Kyla Underwood

"I want to attend college at Tennessee State College," said Matison.

Kyla Underwood

Kyla, daughter of Faron and Kelly Underwood, of Ardmore, Okla., is a March 2011 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Overall Achievement.

Kyla is in the second grade at Charles Evans Elementary and was nominated by second grade teacher Jamie Wilson.

"Kyla maintains straight As qualifying her for the Superintendent's Honor Roll," said Ms. Wilson. "She is polite, courteous and thoughtful to students as well as adults."

Kyla enjoys going to school and is on the Superintendent's Honor Roll.

Kyla plays basketball through the YMCA and she is a member of Campfire USA.

Kyla is proud to be Chickasaw.

"My future plan is to become a teacher," said Kyla.

Evan Wolfe

Evan, son of Rodney and Tammy Wolfe, of Quinlan, Texas, is a March 2011 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Band.

Evan Wolfe

Evan is a freshman at Quinlan-Ford High School and was nominated by Quinlan ISD Director of bands Martin Filip.

"Evan has always been an outstanding citizen, academic and music student," said Mr. Filip. "Evan has played the saxophone since sixth grade and he has made great strides."

Evan loves music. He has played the saxophone for three years and he practices every chance he gets. Evan is part of the 2010-2011 Mighty Panther Band. He is also part of the All-Region Jazz band and he is number 24 out of 28 in the state band as a freshman.

Evan is also involved with the Business Professionals of America and Junior World Affairs Club.

"I want to attend Stephen F. Austin University and become a music director," said Evan. "I enjoy music so much I want to share my love with others."

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Children's Village student awards

Students at the Chickasaw Children's Village in Kingston, Okla., proudly display some of the awards received through their participation in the agriculture education program. First row, from left, Nieka Counts, Courtney Herrington and Melinna Buzzard. Second row, from left, Leroy Wisdom, Dilan Shipley and Kes Reeves were the top winners for the program. Highest awards went to Courtney Herrington for winning Reserve Grand Champion with her wether goat and Dilan Shipley winning Reserve Grand Champion with his heifer. The students and staff would like to say a big thank you to Governor Anoatubby for his support of the agriculture education program. The program provides students at the Chickasaw Children's Village the opportunity to raise show animals such as goats, livestock, poultry and rabbits, participate in equine care and horsemanship and learn about gardening and other aspects of horticulture while teaching the students responsibility and usable life-long skills.

April 2011 Outstanding Achievement Award recipients

Dakota Safford

Dakota, son of Champ and Kym Merrick and Michael Safford, of Camas Wash., is an April 2011 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Academics.

Dakota Safford

Dakota is a sophomore at Camas High School and was nominated by English teacher Tom Sawyer.

"Dakota is a serious student who leads in the classroom, has compassion and empathy for others and has consistently demonstrated a level of responsibility that is typically not present in young adults," said Mr. Sawyer. "He always makes the right choice, and he is a pleasure to have in class."

Dakota is very focused on his grades and he currently has a 3.8 grade point average. He is taking advanced math and advanced placement biology.

Dakota is also a varsity member of the Camas High School wrestling team, where he has lettered for two years. He was recognized as Most Valuable Freshman and for the past two years he has been named to the All-Regional Academic Team.

"I want to attend an Ivy League college and work towards a Master of Business Administration," said Dakota.

Dylan Darnell

Dylan, son of David and Amy Darnell, of Bristow, Okla., is an April 2011 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Academics.

Dylan Darnell

Dylan is in the third grade at Collins Elementary School and was nominated by third grade teacher Teresa Barnett.

"Dylan is an excellent and hardworking student," said Ms. Barnett. "He is always goes above and beyond on his assignments and projects."

Dylan's favorite subjects in school are math and reading.

Dylan is the 2011 Collins Elementary Spelling Bee winner.

Dylan loves all sports and riding his unicycle.

"After I graduate high school I plan to attend college," said Dylan.

Caitlin Leroy

Caitlin, daughter of Gwendolyn Watson-Waln and Calvin Waln, Sr., of Mission, S.D., is an April 2011 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Overall Achievement.

Caitlin Leroy

Caitlin is a sophomore at White River High School and was nominated by high school principal Steve Schumacher.

"Caitlin is an outstanding student," said Mr. Schumacher. "I am very impressed with her creativity and it shows in her artwork."

Caitlin's hobbies include collecting art, drawing and reading..

Caitlin loves science and she enjoys researching animals.

"My future plans are to become a scientist or an artist," said Caitlin.

Jillian Presley

Jillian, daughter of Josh and Stacy Presley, of Ada, Okla., is an April 2011 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Academics.

Jillian Presley

Jillian is in the second grade at Latta Elementry and was nominated by second grade teacher Jana Young.

"Jillian is a hardworking student" said Ms. Young. "Jillian has put forth effort in all academic areas this year."

Jillian's hobbies include riding horses, barrel racing and softball.

Jillian has one horse and his name is Playboy.

"When I grow-up I want to become a horse veterinarian," said Jillian. "I love taking care of animals."

Baylee Lewis

Baylee, daughter of Kevin and Michelle Lewis, of Ada, Okla., is an April 2011 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Citizenship.

Baylee Lewis

Baylee is in the eighth grade at Latta Junior High School and was nominated by English teacher Roy Deering.

"Baylee is a delightful student who works hard and is conscientious about being a good example and doing her best in school," said Mr. Deering.

Baylee loves going to school. She also shows pigs in 4-H and she is a cheerleader for her school.

Baylee enjoys spending time with her family and friends.

"I want to go to college and become a teacher" said Baylee.

Rebecca Delozier

Rebecca, daughter of Amanda Delozier, of Ada, Okla., is an April 2011 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Native Language Club.

Rebecca Delozier

Rebecca is in the fourth grade at Byng Elementary School and was nominated by Indian education coordinator Stephanie DelFrate.

"Rebecca is a hardworking young lady and she is serious about her education," said Ms. DelFrate.

At school Rebecca participates in physical education, vocal music and she is a member of the Byng Elementary Native Voices Club.

Rebecca attends church at the Byng Assembly of God.

Rebecca's hobbies include spending time with family and hanging out with friends.

"I want to grow up to become a physical education teacher," said Rebecca.

Sarah Shields

Sarah, daughter of Renata Shields and Mark Birdshead, of Ada, Okla., is a March 2011 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Native Language Club.

Sarah Shields

Sarah is in the fourth grade at Byng Elementary School and was nominated by Indian education coordinator Stephanie DelFrate.

"Sarah is a hardworking student and is always willing to complete any task she is assigned," said Ms. DelFrate.

Sarah participates in music, physical education and Byng Elementary Native Voices Club.

Sarah is on the Principal's Honor Roll and is a member of the Chickasaw Nation Honor Club.

John West

John, son of Lavonna and Jared West, of Ada, Okla., is an April 2011 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Native Language Club.

John West

John is in the fifth grade at Byng Elementary School and was nominated by Indian education coordinator Stephanie DelFrate.

"John is a tremendous asset to our school," said Ms. DelFrate. "He has received awards in sports and curricular activities."

John's hobbies include riding bikes, playing basketball and feeding his baby calves.

"My future plan is to become a scientist," said John.

Brooklynn Marksberry

Brooklynn, daughter of Dr. Jeff and Kellie Marksberry, of Fort Worth, Texas, is an April 2011 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Music.

Brooklynn Marksberry

Brooklynn is in the second grade at Trinity Valley School and was nominated by second grade teacher Jane Cooper.

"Brooklynn is an excellent citizen, a diligent student and a very talented and gifted girl in so many areas of her young life," said Ms. Cooper. "Her passion and skill in music is indeed a hallmark of her sparkling personality."

Brooklynn's interests include playing the violin in both classical and Texas fiddle styles, being an active member of Troop 2437 of the Texas and Oklahoma Plains Girl Scouts, being a member of the Texas Old Time Fiddler's Association and golfing.

Brooklynn has recorded and released her first compilation CD titled "Fiddle Sticks" and will continue to release a new CD each year.

Brooklynn is an avid collector of American Girl dolls, buttons and snow globes.

Brooklynn has developed a family wide recycling and energy saving plan entitled "Pitching In and Switch Off." She plans to share her plan with others in the neighborhood to increase recycling habits.

"My future plans change daily," said Brooklynn. "But I have an interest in robotics, geology and singing."

Johnathon DelFrate

Johnathon, son of Terry and Stephanie DelFrate, of Stratford, Okla., is an April 2011 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Native Language Club.

Johnathon DelFrate

Johnathon is in the third grade at Homer Elementary School and was nominated by fifth grade teacher Tracy Allison.

"Johnathon is a very intelligent young man," said Ms. Allison. "He has great potential and possesses the drive and ambition to succeed."

Johnathon has been recognized as the Wonderfully Outstanding Warrior of his school.

Johnathon is a member of the Governor's Honor Club for Perfect Attendance.

Johnathon participated in the 2011 Native American Language Fair at the University of Oklahoma. He placed first in the individual book category for his book "Toksali" and first in the speaking and singing category with the Chetopa Chikashshanompoli group.

Johnathon's hobbies include playing outside and spending time with family.

Henry Robison

Henry, son of Tom and Sandy Robison, of Sikeston, Mo., is an April 2011 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Art.

Henry Robison

Henry is in the second grade at Lee Hunter Elementary School and was nominated by art teacher Jennifer Scism.

"Henry is an amazing artist,"

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Tribal 'Body Adventure' teaches students good nutrition

Homer Elementary students learn about taking care of their teeth during the Chickasaw Nation Body Adventure Exhibit. From left, students Jesse Barker, Jayli Winters, Victoria Rivera, Hayleigh Constable, Kindergarten teacher Amber Fowler , students Siana Peters (seated on the floor), Braylee Jones, Kaelyn Richardson, Allyson Nance, Hope Rice, Madison Berryman and Hunter Leddy. Marcy Gray

ADA, Okla. - Students sat on tooth-shaped chairs, brushed them with giant toothbrushes and flossed them with ropes. They also looked at a model mouth depicting decaying teeth and learned about the importance of calcium to the body.

These were some of the hands-on activities Homer Elementary students participated in during the Chickasaw Nation Body Adventure Exhibit April 26-27.

Organized by the tribal Get Fresh! Nutrition Education Program, the unique walk-through exhibit featured several body part-themed stations where students learned about the nutrients required for proper care of the organs, in addition to the importance of exercise for overall health.

"The interactive exhibit makes the connection between nutrition and physical activity and what it does for your body," said Tiffany Grant, the tribal Body Adventure coordinator and food demonstration specialist.

Homer fifth grader Daniel Perry said going through the exhibit was "fun" and "a cool experience."

"Whenever we went to the mouth, I learned that your teeth need dairy products to help it be good," said the 10-year-old. "Also, if you eat too much candy you will get cavities."

Amber Fowler, the Homer Kindergarten teacher and the "mouth" station presenter, said the exhibit's "large engaging visual aids" help students learn and remember the nutrition information.

"It's active. They are not just sitting and doing nothing," Mrs. Fowler said. "There is something to do at every station."

So far more than 850 area students have participated in the exhibit, according to Miss Grant. This exhibit was first presented at Lone Grove Elementary School in February and features faces of two Chickasaw girls MaKynlee, 8, and Cydnee Miller, 6, of Ada.

In addition to the exhibit, the Get Fresh! Program also conducts free cooking classes in Ada, Ardmore and Purcell, demonstrating healthy cooking for the entire family. Also, Get Fresh! Eagle Adventure Program strives to prevent type 2 diabetes among grade school children by encouraging them to eat more fruits and vegetables as well as be more physically active.

For more information about the Get Fresh! Program, please call (580) 272-5506 or visit www.chickasaw.net.

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Working out together at tribal Wellness Center

Chickasaw sisters make commitment to healthy lifestyle

From left Dohna Stick-Logan, Theea Swinford, Summer Stick and Rachel Wedlow.

When Summer Stick looked at a picture of herself and her sisters taken at their brother's wedding last year, she did not like the person who looked back at her.

She sent the picture to her sister Rachel Wedlow, who felt the same about herself.

So the Chickasaws decided to become healthy and work out regularly at the Chickasaw Nation Wellness Center in Ada, Okla.

"I knew I couldn't do this by myself," Ms. Stick said of enlisting Mrs. Wedlow's help.

Beginning last mid-April, the pair started going to the gym and was joined by their sister Dohna Stick-Logan in August.

Their other sister Theea Swinford, a member of the Oklahoma National Guard, joined the group in November after returning from Iraq, where she was stationed for 10 months.

"While she was gone, we would send her our workouts," Mrs. Wedlow said. "We would tell her what we did for that day."

The exercise details Mrs. Swinford received daily from her sisters made her easily fit into the group, according to Mrs. Wedlow.

"It was as if she was here the whole time," she said.

Since then, the sisters have been going to the Ada Wellness Center together five-days-a-week during their lunch hour.

The daily visits to the gym have become such an integral part of the sisters' lifestyle that they feel something is "lacking" if they miss a day, they said.

"I feel guilty if I don't go," Mrs. Swinford said. "It's part of our routine."

"My day is scheduled around my workout," added Mrs. Logan.

The sisters also regard their time at the gym as a break from their respective families and a time to "catch up."

"We tell each other stories about what our kids did or did not do," Mrs. Logan said.

Though the sisters have always been close to each other, their combined commitment to staying healthy has brought them even closer, they said.

"We do more things together now than we did before," Ms. Stick said.

Their workout sessions has also encouraged their children to stay active and be involved in sports, they said.

Besides spending time as sisters and encouraging each other to work out and stay healthy, Mrs. Wedlow said the sisters also "actively recruit" others to join their exercise group.

"We had other girls join us but they would eventually drop out," Ms. Stick added. "We know it's hard to go by yourself. I don't like going by myself."

As far as the sisters are concerned, there is no plan to stop their routine.

"It's nice to give each other a hard time," Ms. Stick said.

The sisters live in Ada and work for the Chickasaw Nation. Mrs. Logan is an auditor for the gaming commission and Mrs. Wedlow is a language outreach coordinator at the Division of History and Culture. Mrs. Swinford works as a home visitation worker for the Division of Youth and Family and Ms. Stick is a loan counselor for housing division.

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said Ms. Scism. "He has a great attitude and he is an absolute pleasure to have in class."

Henry enjoys art and started to draw when he was three. Henry received a medal for a "Say No to Drugs" poster.

Henry's hobbies include playing flag football, basketball, baseball and going to the YMCA.

Henry participates in the First Tee program for golf and attended Boy Scouts.

"When I grow up I want to play in the NFL, be an artist and become an astronaut," said Henry.

Rachel Garrett

Rachel Garrett

Rachel, daughter of Starla Speaks Garrett, of Nashville, Tenn., is an April 2011 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Overall Achievement.

Rachel is a freshman at McGavock Comprehensive High School and was nominated by mathematics teacher Nicholas Caminiti.

"Rachel has consistently demonstrated qualities that I consider to be indicative not only of outstanding academic achievement but of a general high-quality person," said Mr. Caminiti.

Rachel plays on the varsity volleyball team and on the high school softball team. She also enjoys playing basketball and stick ball.

Rachel's hobbies include reading, weaving baskets, riding horses, fishing and spending time with my family and friends.

"My future plans are to obtain a softball or academic scholarship and earn a master's degree," said Rachel.

Jillian Rider

Jillian, daughter of Sharon and Tracy Rider, of Newcastle, Okla., is an April 2011 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Academics.

Jillian Rider

Jillian is a junior at Newcastle High School and was nominated by advanced placement calculus teacher Wes Pulliam.

"Jillian is an unbelievably dedicated student," said Mr. Pulliam. "She excels at a very difficult subject and has an excellent work ethic."

Jillian is involved in the math, science and robotics clubs. She is also junior class officer, prom committee officer, on the academic team and a member of the National Honor Society.

"Once I graduate I from high school I plan to major in aerospace engineering," said Jillian. "I want to work for NASA."

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Joy of breastfeeding

Ada resident Brittany Correll, 21, with her daughters Maria, 1, and Shayli, two months, at the Chickasaw Nation Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC) Mothers Day Celebration May 18 in Ada, Okla. The celebrations, conducted in WIC offices throughout the Chickasaw Nation, recognized breastfeeding mothers as well as provided encouragement and support for them to have a successful breastfeeding experience. **CONTRIBUTED BY** Sharmina Manandhar, tribal media relations.

Tribal ReUse Center accepts e-waste, appliances, old prescriptions on Earth Day

Chickasaw Nation environment technician James Reynolds, left, helps Ada resident Cade Simmons dispose of his old computers during the annual Earth Day celebrations April 20 at the tribal ReUse Center in Ada, Okla

ADA, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation celebrated Earth Day in April with activities featuring protection of the environment and waste reduction.

Hosted by the tribal Environmental Services Department, the second annual Earth Day celebrations included collection of unwanted computers, televisions, cameras, cell phones, VCRs, DVD players, radios and other e-wastes at the tribe's new ReUse Center in Ada.

Local resident Cade Simmons was at the event to drop off several old computers.

The 29-year-old said the event was a "good way to dispose electronic waste" and prevent them from "negatively affecting the environment."

Also collected were white goods such as stoves, refrigerators, washers, dryers, window a/c units and freezers along with more than 8,000 pounds of unwanted paper and documents. A shredding truck was on site to shred documents.

The free event also included collection of unwanted prescription and over-the-counter medications by the Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police Department. The medications are scheduled to be properly disposed to prevent misuse and pollution to streams and rivers from medications being poured down the drain or flushed down the toilet.

The ReUse Center is open to public and accepts reusable furniture, appliances, electronics, clothing, household and kitchen items, paint, cleaning products and building materials.

Since opening January 2010, the ReUse Center has handled more than 141,300 pounds of material and has served more than 9,200 customers. On average, 1,233 pounds of material are diverted from the waste stream each day the center is in operation.

The ReUse Center is only the second of its kind in the state of Oklahoma and the second Native American-owned reuse center in the United States.

The Chickasaw Nation ReUse Center is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and is located 2205 North Broadway.

For more information, contact the Chickasaw Nation Environmental Services at (580) 272-5456.

Chickasaw Nation Environmental Services intern Brent Shields loads the shredding truck during the annual Earth Day celebrations April 20 at the ReUse Center.

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Chickasaw Nation Get Fresh! program announces classes

Ada Nutrition Services, 518 E. Arlington
June 7: 10 a.m. and noon
June 9: 10 a.m. and noon
June 14: 10 a.m. and noon
June 16: 10 a.m. and noon
July 12: 10 a.m. and noon
July 14: 10 a.m. and noon
July 19: 10 a.m. and noon
July 21: 10 a.m. and noon
For more information, call (580) 272-5506.

Ada Family Life/Wellness Center, 229 W. Seabrook
June 8: 10 a.m. and noon
June 15: 10 a.m. and noon
June 16: 6 p.m.
June 22: 10 a.m. and noon
July 6: 10 a.m. and noon
July 13: 10 a.m. and noon
July 20: 10 a.m. and noon
July 21: 6 p.m.
For more information, call (580) 272-5506.

Ardmore Nutrition Services, 2350 Chickasaw Blvd.
June 7: 10 a.m. and noon
June 8: 10 a.m. and noon
June 14: 10 a.m. and noon
June 15: 10 a.m. and noon
July 12: 10 a.m. and noon
July 13: 10 a.m. and noon
July 19: 10 a.m. and noon
July 20: 10 a.m. and noon
For more information, call (580) 226-8289.

Purcell Nutrition Services, 1530 Hardcastle Blvd.
June 7: 10 a.m., noon and 7 p.m.
June 9: 10 a.m. and noon
June 14: 10 a.m., noon and 7 p.m.
June 16: 10 a.m. and noon
July 12: 10 a.m., noon and 7 p.m.
June 16: 10 a.m. and noon
July 12: 10 a.m., noon and 7 p.m.
July 14; 10 a.m. and noon
July 19: 10 a.m., noon and 7 p.m.
July 21: 10 a.m. and noon
For more information, call (405) 527-6967.

These exciting cooking shows are free and open to the public and demonstrate healthy cooking for the entire family. Leave with recipes, nutrition education and new ideas to cook healthier every day. Classes offered on each day feature the same recipes during the times of availability. All of the Get Fresh! recipes are based on the daily nutritional needs listed on MyPyramid.gov.

Episodes of nearly 40 popular Get Fresh! cooking classes are also available on www.chickasaw.tv, a high-definition online video network focusing on the Chickasaw people, history, traditions, art, culture and services.

Professional Opportunities with the Chickasaw Nation Division of Health

Due to the expansion at the new Chickasaw Nation Medical Center in Ada, Oklahoma, the Division of Health has professional openings at the hospital in the following specialties:

- Outpatient Internal Medicine Physician
- Family Practice Physician
- Family Nurse Practitioner
- Physician Assistant

For details on any of these professional positions, please contact:

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Health At-Large case manager will assist

Are you a Chickasaw citizen living outside the tribal boundaries? Would you like more information on division of health programs and services available to you?

If so, call Amy Wampler, Services At-Large Case Manager, at 800-851-9136 ext. 61097.

Elder case manager ready to help you

Are you a Chickasaw Elder age 60 or older? Do you live within the tribal boundaries?

If so, call Stefanie Luna, Elder Case Manager at 800-851-9136 ext. 80110 for personalized assistance navigating the Health System.

Make note of application deadlines

Mark Your Calendars for 2011 Camps and Academies

Chickasaw Nation camps and academies are well underway, but it's not too late to apply for some camps and clinics. Listed below are late summer camps, clinics and academies with June and July application deadlines including;

Native American Junior Open
Lakeview Golf Course, Ardmore, Okla.
June 10
Registration and tee times to be determined
$20 registration fee required
Open to Native American youth ages 8-18

The Native American Junior Open also is a qualifying tournament which allows youth to experience a tournament atmosphere without the pressures of a school or association tournament. It also is a qualifying tournament for Chickasaw youth ages 12-18 for Team Chickasaw. Team Chickasaw will participate in various tournaments throughout the year. The $20 registration fee covers the cost of green fees, lunch and range balls. Pre-registration is not available. For more information contact the department of youth services at 580-310-6620 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps .

Yakni Moma Alphisa "Justice for a Nation" Court Camp
July 5-7, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Tribal Judicial Building, Ada, Okla.
Application deadline June 27
Open to Chickasaw students ages 10- 16

A two-day clinic that educates students about the operations of the tribe's court system, this camp emphasizes leadership and personal growth. Students will also tour the Chickasaw museum and Capital building in Tishomingo to learn the history of the Chickasaw legal system. Students will be introduced to individuals who support the courts such as Lighthorse Police, judges, justices, Peacemakers and court clerks. Each student will also have a part in a mock trial.

For more information, contact Connie Tillery at 580-235-0281 or email Connie.Tillery@chickasaw.net or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Youth Academy
Aug. 1-4
Lighthorse Police Headquarters, Ada, Okla.
Application deadline July 8
Open to Native American youth ages 13- 17.

The Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Youth Academy provides an excellent opportunity for Native American youth to explore a career in law enforcement. Students will hear from law enforcement personnel and will also learn life skills such as CPR, communication, safety and crime prevention.

Forty Native American youth will be selected. Chickasaw youth will be given first priority for the camp.

For an application and more information contact George Jesse, assistant Chief of Police at 580-436-1166 or at george.jesse@chickasaw.net or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

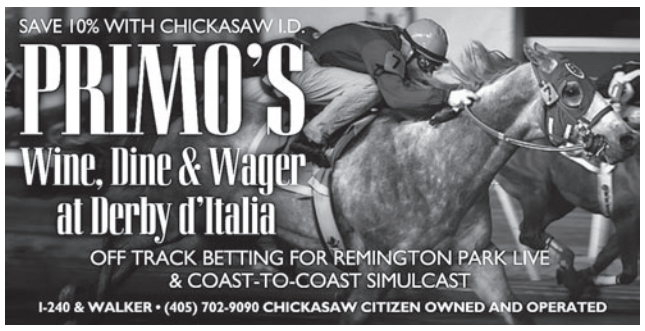
Himitta Alhiha Hochokoshkomo "The Youth are Playing"
Chickasaw Language Sports Camp
Aug. 1-5
Various locations
Application deadline July 8
Open to Chickasaw youth grades 1-6.

Himitta Alhiha Hochokoshkomo is designed to promote the use of the Chickasaw language through sports. Participants must have transportation to and from camp. Camp is limited to 30 campers per day. For an application and more information, contact Rachel Wedlow, language outreach coordinator, at (580) 272-5540 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Application Information

All applicants must include a copy of the camper's Chickasaw citizenship card. Submitting the application does not guarantee selection to the camp.

For more information or obtain an application, contact the department of youth services at 580-310-6620. Return application to Youth Services, 231 Seabrook Road, Ada, OK 74820; or fax 580- 310-6626. Additional information is available online at www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps . Applications may be submitted by mail, fax or online.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Chickasaw Nation Summer Food Service Program provides free meals to children in Ada, Ardmore, Tish, Thackerville

The Chickasaw Nation Nutrition Services Department, is participating in the Summer Food Service Program. Meals will be provided to all children, ages 18 and younger, without charge and are the same for all children regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. Meals will be provided at several sites in Ada, Ardmore, Sulphur, Tishomingo and Thackerville, Okla., including two daily feeding sites - Glenwood Park and Wintersmith Park in Ada.

Ada

Freewill Baptist Camp, 8994 State Highway 3W

June 5 - 24, 2011. Site will be closed June 11 – 18.

Breakfast 8 - 8:30 a.m.

Lunch noon - 12:30 p.m.

Glenwood Park, 825 West 10th

June 6 - July 28, 2011

Lunch 11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Wintersmith Park, Intersection of 18th and Country Club

June 6 - July 28

Lunch 12:30 - 1:15 p.m.

Chickasaw Nation Education Building, 301 Seabrook Road

June 13 – 17

Breakfast 8 - 8:30 a.m.

Lunch noon - 12:30 p.m.

Ada High School Tennis Courts, 1400 Cradduck Road

June 13 – 30; Site will be closed June 17 - 26

Afternoon snacks 2:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Chickasaw Nation Horticulture Center, 17490 County Road 3570

June 14 - July 28; Meals will begin Tuesday, June 14 and continue Monday through Friday. Site will be closed July 4. Last meal served Thursday, July 28.

Breakfast 8 - 8:30 a.m.

Lunch noon - 12:30 p.m.

Old Community Center, 520 East Arlington

June 23 – 24

Lunch noon - 12:30 p.m.

Afternoon snacks from 3 - 3:30 p.m.

Ada High School Football Field, 1400 Stadium Drive

July 7 - 9

Breakfast 10 - 10:30 a.m.

Afternoon snacks 2:45 - 3:00 p.m.

Family Life Center, 229 West Seabrook Road

July 7 - 16, 2011. Site will be closed July 10 -13.

Breakfast 10 - 10:30 a.m.

Afternoon snacks 2:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Ardmore

Lakeview Golf Club, 3905 North Commerce Street

June 10

Afternoon Snacks from 3 - 3:30 p.m.

Dickson School Gym, 4762 Oklahoma 199

July 14 - July 16, 2011.

Afternoon snacks from 3 - 3:30 p.m.

Sulphur

Sulphur Boys and Girls Club, 1021 West 9th Street

June 6 - July 29; Meal service will begin June 6 and continue Monday through Friday until July 29. Site will be closed July 4.

Breakfast 8:30 - 9 a.m.

Afternoon Snacks 2:30 - 3 p.m.

Tishomingo

Chickasaw Nation Tishomingo Boys and Girls Club, 997 South Byrd

June 6 - July 29, 2011; Meals will be served Monday through Friday. Site will be closed July 4.

Breakfast 8:30 - 9 a.m.

Afternoon snacks 2:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Thackerville

WinStar Golf Course, Route 1 Box 694

June 6 – 9

Breakfast 10 - 10:30 a.m.

Afternoon snacks 3 - 3:30 p.m.

In addition, meals will also be provided at:

Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound, S. Byrd and E. Wilson, Tishomingo

May 31 - July 28

Breakfast 8 - 8:30 a.m.

Lunch noon - 12:30 p.m.

Supper 5 - 5:30 p.m.

Upward bound will begin with breakfast on May 31 and serve meals from supper on Sunday through lunch on Friday each week except for the week of July 4. For that week only, meal service will begin with breakfast on Tuesday through lunch on Friday.

To be eligible to receive free meals at a residential or non-residential camp, children must meet the income guidelines for reduced-price meals in the National School Lunch Program [NSLP]. The income guidelines for reduced-price meals by family size are listed below.) Children who are part of households that receive food stamps or benefits under the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) or Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) or an AFDS assistance unit are automatically eligible to receive free meals, subject to completion of the free/reduced application form.

Acceptance and participation requirements for the program and all activities are the same for all, regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service.

For more information, please contact Debbie Zachary at (580) 272-5368.

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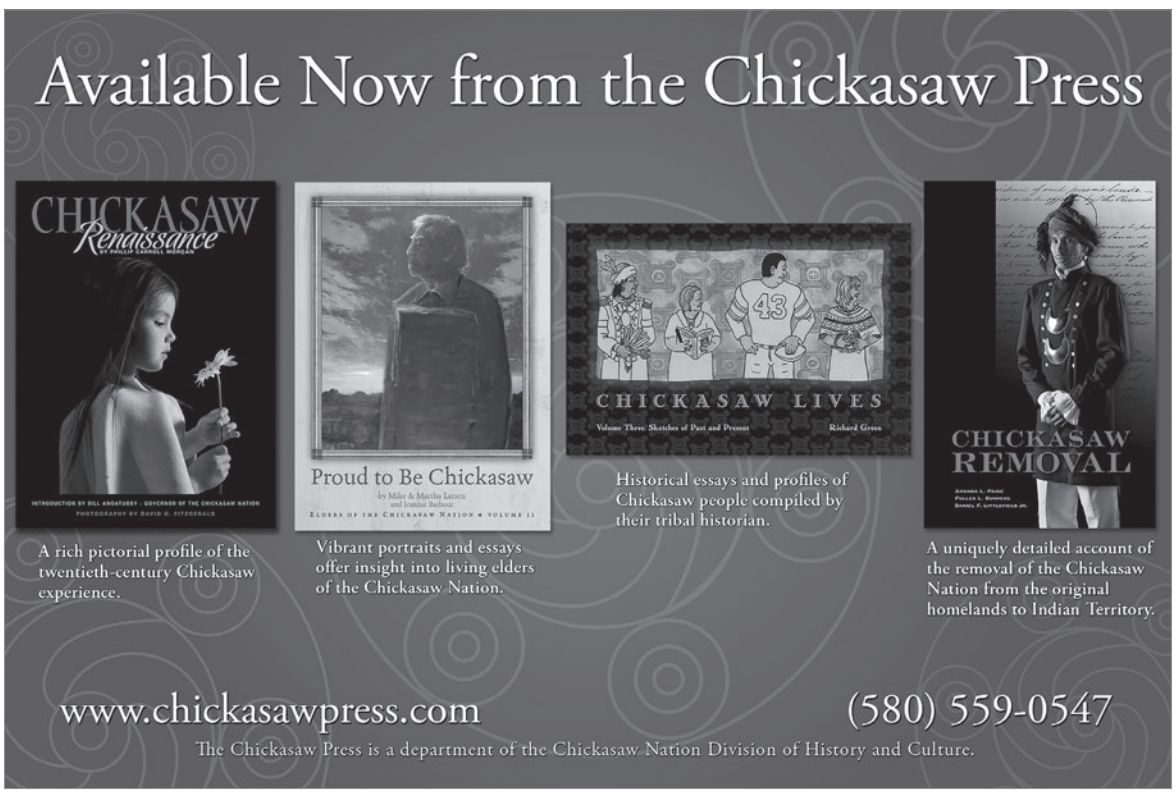
Guidelines to determine student eligibility for Summer Food Service Program
Annual Family Income before Deductions

Federal Income Chart for School Year July 01, 2010 - June 30, 2011

Household Size	Yearly Income	Monthly Income
1	$20,036.00	$1,670.00
2	$26,955.00	$2,247.00
3	$33,874.00	$2,823.00
4	$40,793.00	$3,400.00
5	$47,712.00	$3,976.00
6	$54,631.00	$4,553.00
7	$61,550.00	$5,130.00
8	$68,469.00	$5,706.00
Each Additional	$6,919.00	$577.00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Chickasaw Foundation hosts Fourth Annual T-Ball Tournament

Chickasaw Foundation executive director Johnna R. Walker presents Tallen Bagwell with his medal for MVP at the Chickasaw Foundation T-Ball Tournament.

The Naturals, champions of the Chickasaw Foundation's 4th Annual T-Ball Tournament.

The Chickasaw Foundation's 4th Annual T-Ball Tournament was held on April 29 – 30, 2011 at Kiwanis Baseball Park in Ada, Oklahoma. Mr. Kennedy Brown, chairman of the Chickasaw Foundation, set the first pitch.

Participating teams included the Ada Black Sox, Havoc, Latta Panthers, Lil Runnin Mavs, Lil Twisters, Naturals, Oklahoma Silverbacks, Oklahoma Tigers, Reds and Red Sox. The Most Valuable Players (MVP) were Tallen Bagwell of the Naturals for offense and Carson Cottrell representing the Oklahoma Silverbacks for defense. Each player received a medal.

Tournament champions were the Naturals and they received a team plaque, bat bags and "Champion" t-shirts. Team members included Tallen Bagwell, Beau Toplin, Cooper Christian, AJ Tims, Jackson Swopes, Walker Chandler, Kaleb Goodwin, Wyatt Knickmeyer, Carson Abbott, Nickolas Schroder and Reeve Jordan.

The Oklahoma Silverbacks were runners-up and received a team plaque and "Runner-Up" t-shirts. Team members included Logan Meyers, Carter Owens, Jackson Hill, Jacob Bruce, Aiden Phillips, Cutter McCoy, Cody Dortch, Carson Cottrell and Teddy Doe. In 3rd place were the Oklahoma Tigers and they received a team plaque, catcher's kit and a bag of coupons from various sponsors. Team members included Konner Shebester, Gunner Sampson, Jace Parks, Kyler Venable, Dodge Woods, Hayden Merrick, Baylan Byrd, Takoda Poe, Carson Howe, Tyler Shaw, Caden Sewell and Eli Rimer.

Contests were held for baserunning, accuracy throwing and home-runs. Participants received a ribbon while those placing 1st-3rd in each event received a medal.

The Oklahoma Silverbacks, runner-up of the Chickasaw Foundation's 4th Annual T-Ball Tournament.

Team members of the Lil Twisters eagerly await their turn to take the field at the Chickasaw Foundation T-Ball Tournament.

Upward Bound kids in 'Camp Survivor'

Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound students participate in Camp Survivor conducted at Murray State College, Tishomingo, Okla.

Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound (CFUB) recently participated in "Camp Survivor" on April 9 at Murray State College.

Lead by Dr. Scout Cloud Lee and Dr. Jan Summers, students took part in an etiquette class focusing on proper dinner table manners. Following the class students made their way to the Murray State College lawn to compete against each other for the title of "Ultimate Survivor." They were divided into five separate teams where students battled each other in a number of relay races which focused on team building and leadership.

The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound Student Leadership Council met for the first time on April 29. Students worked on team-building activities and helped plan events showcasing their leadership skills during the CFUB's summer session. Students were given a copy of Tony Dungy's Mentor Leader which they will read and discuss at future meetings. The students ended the event by volunteering at the Chickasaw Foundation's 4th Annual T-Ball Tournament where they helped keep score, announce, work the concession stand and pick up trash.

Shelby Hill is April Student of the Month

Shelby Hill

Shelby Hill was selected as the April 2010 Student of the Month.

She is a senior at Ringling High School and has been a member of Upward Bound since she was a freshman.

Shelby has participated in many volunteer activities while attending Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound (CFUB) and outside of it. She has volunteered at Toys for Tots, Angel Tree and Christmas food drives, Lone Grove Relief and also helped to clean-up after a leadership council conference.

She is involved in the Ringling High School National Honor Society, Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) and the CFUB Leadership Council.

While attending school she works as a certified nursing assistant at a local nursing home and also has home health aid and medication administration certifications.

Her future plans include attending Murray State College to obtain a nursing degree.

Chickasaw Foundation's 9th Annual Scholarship Reception

The Chickasaw Foundation will be hosting its ninth annual scholarship reception on August 2 at the McSwain Theater, 130 West Main in Ada, Okla.

The reception begins at 6 p.m.

Scholarship awards will be presented to recipients. There will also be a Power Point presentation and refreshments.

You may RSVP by contacting the Chickasaw Foundation at chickasawfoundation@chickasaw.net or calling (580) 421-9030.

CHICKASAW COMMUNITY COUNCILS and EVENTS

For a complete listing of Chickasaw Nation camps, academies and other events visit www.chickasaw.net

OKLAHOMA

ACHILLE

Achille Area Chickasaws
Quarterly, last Saturday at 1:30 p.m.
Kay Anders, 580-283-3979

CONNERVILLE

Connerville Chickasaw Community Council
Bi-Monthly, 3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Tony Poe, 580-421-4994

ENOS

Rabies Clinic
June 30 from 10-12 at the community center
Saundra Seeley, 580-436-7256

KINGSTON

Chickasaws of Texoma
Quarterly, 4th Thursday at 6:30 p.m.
Ruth McAdoo, 580-564-6803

Marshall County Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly, 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Sarah Lea, 580-564-4570

MADILL

Rabies Clinic
June 23 from 10-12 at the senior site
Saundra Seeley, 580-436-7256

NEWCASTLE

Northern Pontotoc Chickasaw Community Council
Monthly, 2nd Thursday
Potluck at 6 p.m. and Meeting at 7 p.m.
Todd Griffith, 405-615-1303

OKLAHOMA CITY

OKC Metro Chickasaw Community Council
1st Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
Billy Hester, 405-340-5469

PURCELL

Purcell Chickasaw Community Council
4th Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
John Hobbs, 405-922-3926

Rabies Clinic
June 21 from 1-3 p.m. at the area office
Saundra Seeley, 580-436-7256

TISHOMINGO

Johnston County Chickasaw Community Council
Bi-monthly, 3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Ann Fink, 580-371-3351

Rabies Clinic
June 16 from 10-12 at the health clinic and area office
Saundra Seeley, 580-436-7256

ARIZONA

Chickasaws of Arizona
Quarterly Meetings
Angie Ott, 480-834-7309

CALIFORNIA

Inland Empire/Desert Cities Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly, 3rd Saturday 2:00 p.m.
Bill Chandler, 714-604-5224 or wchandler@socal.rr.com

Northern California Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Quarterly
Phil Reynolds, 916-988-8182

COLORADO

Chickasaw Community Council of Colorado
Quarterly, 2nd Saturday
Stephen Bingham, 303-377-4637

KANSAS

Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita
Quarterly, 3rd Sunday at 2:30 p.m.
Lynn Stumblingbear, 316-393-0696

LOUISIANA

Monroe Area Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Semi-Annually
Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

MISSOURI

St. Louis Area Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Quarterly
Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

NEW ENGLAND

New England Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Semi-Annually
Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

NEW MEXICO

New Mexico Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly , 3rd Saturday
Chris Rodke, 505-450-4802

NORTH CAROLINA

Raleigh Area Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Semi-Annually
Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

OREGON/WASHINGTON

Pacific Northwest Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly
Kim Factor, 503-819-3097 or Rena Smith, 503-543-7401

TEXAS

Chickasaw Community Council of Central Texas
2nd Sunday at 1:30 p.m.
Gene Thompson, 512-258-7919 or 512-517-4404

Chickasaw Community Council of South Texas
Monthly, 2nd Sunday at 2 p.m.
Mark Fields, 210-269-2619

North Texas Chickasaw Community Council
3rd Saturday
John C. Atkins, 972-271-0692

Tyler Area Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly
Howard Thompson, 903-570-9244

Texarkana Area Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Quarterly
Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

Mid-America Powwow set for July 9 in Wichita

WICHITA, Kan. – The Mid-America All-Indian Center Contest Powwow is set for July 9 and 10 in Wichita.

The powwow will be at the Century 2 Performing Arts & Convention Center, 225 W. Douglas. Admission is $5 daily for adults, or $8 for a two-day pass. Elders over 55 and active military will pay $4 daily, and children ages six to 16 will pay $3. Children under six are free.

Doors open July 9 at 10 a.m. The Grand Entry will be at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Doors open July 10 at 10 a.m. and Grand Entry will be at 1 p.m.

Dancing competitions will be conducted in a variety of categories. The junior division is for dancers ages nine to 16. The adult division is for all dancers 17 and older. Cash prizes for first, second and third will be paid in each category.

For more information call (316) 350-3340 or go to the powwow website at www.theindiancenter.org

Upward Bound T-ball volunteers

Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound Leadership Council participants who volunteered at the 4th Annual T-Ball Tournament, top: Ryan Coleman, Tanner Britt, Dylan Roberts, Brandon Elmore, Christina Drinkard (tutoring coordinator\dorm supervisor) and bottom: Morgan Rudd, Tina Stringer, Laura Putman, Isis Hilton and Mickayla Davis.

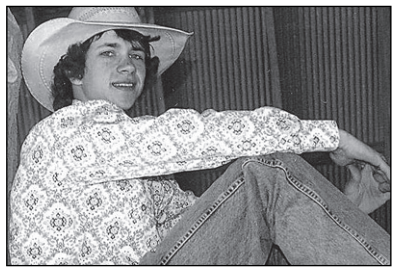
Jessica Don Scott

Jessica Don Scott is a 2011 graduate of Ada High School, Ada, Okla. She is the daughter of Danny and Michelle Key. She is the granddaughter of Lindsey and Jerrye Southward, Skeets Awtrey and Jayme and Judy Scott.

Jessica graduated number one from her senior class. She is a member of the National Indian Honor Society, National Honor Society, Superintendent's Honor Roll, and the Chickasaw Nation Governor Honor Roll. She received the OU Valedictorian Scholar Scholarship, Leslie and Mike Dicus OU Club Scholarship, and Governor's Scholarship. She maintained a 4.0 grade point average throughout school, named Rotary Student of the Month, Scholastic Average Award, Sammie Smith Memorial Math Award, named All Region Cheerleader, served as National Honor Society vice president, Sports Network as Chickasaw Outstanding Student Spotllight, four-year cheerleader, active in gymnastics, JOM, listed in *National Who's Who Among All-American Scholars,* member of Tantettes, Ada High Leadership and Matthew 25.

Her plans are to attend the University of Oklahoma to complete her pre-pharmacy bachelor's degree and receive a doctorate in pharmacy. Then complete the pharmacy program and open her own pharmacy with a bakery on the side.

Dakota West

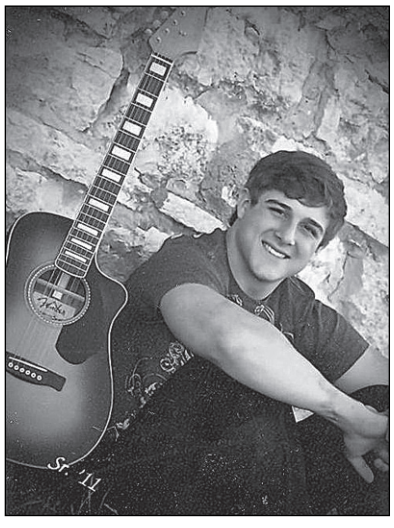


Dakota West is a 2011 graduate of Davis High School, Davis, Okla. He is the son of Shane and Heather West. He is 1/32 Chickasaw.

Dakota has attended the Davis Public SchoolSystem for 10 years. He activities include Future Farmers of America (FFA), Skills USA, MRCA, football for two years, wrestling for three years and baseball for one year. His hobbies are hunting, fishing, roping, riding bulls and hanging with friends and family.

His plans are to become a successful welder and to succeed in rodeo.

Zacharee Nashoboshi Webb



Zacharee "Logan" Nashoboshi Webb is a 2011 graduate of Davis High School, Davis, Okla. He is the son of TJ and Tammie Webb. He is the grandson of Dean and Barbara Digby and the great-grandson of Chickasaw Elder, Irene Digby and the late B.F. Digby. He is 1/8 Chickasaw.

Logan has attended the Davis Public School System for 13 years. He was active in football for four years, wrestling for four years, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), voted DHS Class Clown, and 2010 - 2011 All State wrestler. He enjoys playing his guitar and fishing. He is a member of the Chickasaw Trail Baptist Church of Davis.

His plans are to attend college at the University of Central Oklahoma.

Jonathan David Dedman

Jonathan David Dedman is a 2011 graduate of Central High School, Keller, Texas. He is the son of Deborah Jean (Anoatubby) Dedman and David Ray Deddman. He is the grandson of Teddy Franklin and Barbara Jean Anoatubby and Kenneth and Margarett Dedman. He is the dedicated brother to Bethany Grace Dedman, 12, and Joshua Caleb Dedman, 15.

Jonathan was active in wrestling and football his sophomore year receiving medals in both sports. He was involved with missions at is local church allowing him to participate in aid to inner-city children and rebuilding communities and churches in New Mexico, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Colorado and Texas. He participated in vocal music group and toured and aided in these area also. This summer he will be leading a team at Student Life Camp.

His plans are to attend North Tarrent Community College to complete college basic courses then to fulfill a long anticipated dream of serving in the U.S. Marines. Upon returning from the military he plans to complete college and build on the skills he attained while in the service.

Jonathan always puts his all in everything he does. He has a way of being able to achieve what he puts his heart in. He has a great faith and generous hear. We could not be any prouder of him and all he has achieved so far and wait in great anticipation of where God will lead him and use him in the future.

Cara Marie Lampkins

Cara Marie Lampkin is a 2011 graduate of Davis High School, Davis, Okla. She is 23/64 Chickasaw.

She has attended the Davis Public School System for 12 years and is a member of First Baptist Church, Davis.

Her plans are to stay home to care for her son.

Brittney Dawn Frazier

Brittney Dawn Frazier is a 2011 graduate of Ada High School, Ada, Okla. She is the daughter of Sherri McManus and Ron Frazier. She is the granddaughter of Dean McManus and the late H.D. McManus and Jeff and Betty Frazier, all of Ada.

Brittney plans to take the summer off then pursue a degree in the health field.

We love you with all our heart!

Mom and Dad

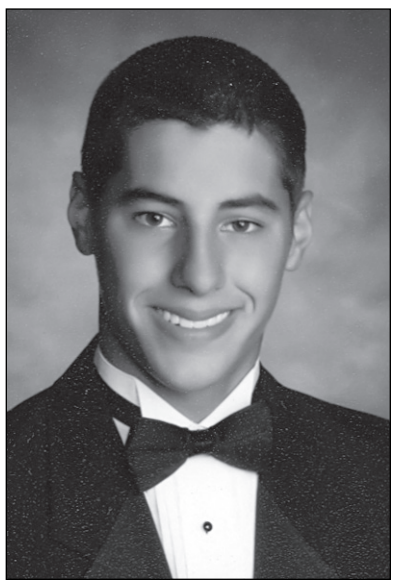
Shelbie Sue Kirk

Shelbie Sue Kirk is a 2011 graduate of Sulphur High School, Sulphur, Okla. She is the daughter of Steve and Donna Kirk, of Davis, Okla. She is the granddaughter of Ernest and Flora Kirk, Evelyn Hays and the late Donald Hays.

Shelbie was a member of the fastpitch softball team for four years, slowpitch softball for one year, lady golf team for three years, a Team Chickasaw member for one year. She has shown pigs with Future Farmers of America and 4-H groups for 15 years.

Her plans are to attend Hillsdale Freewill Baptist Church, Moore, Okla., to play softball and to major in sports kiniesology and minor in missionary studies.

Brent Tolbert



Brent Tolbert is a 2011 graduate of McKinney High School, McKinney, Texas. He is the son of Don and Pam Tolbert. He is the grandson of Sadie Hearrell, of Millcreek, Okla., and E.J. and Pauline Tolbert, of Tishomingo, Okla.

Brent was a membr of the National Honor Society, the Chickasaw Honor Club, rated in the top 10% for four years, named to the Academic First Team All State Football team, Scholar Athlete of the Week, and received Rotary Club's Excellence Award for three years.

He loves to hunt, fish, play disc golf and baseball.

His pans are to attend the University of Oklahoma to major in engineering.

Patrick Lyndon Black

Patrick Lyndon Black is a 2011 graduate of Flower Mound High School, Flower Mound, Texas. He is the son of Lyndon and Megan Black. He is the grandson of Wayne and Georgeanna Black.

Patrick is a A honor roll student. He is a recipient of the Academic Achievement Award for his accomplishments in math and science. He received the Jammin Jag Award his junior and senior year for his accomplishments in physics and microbiology. He was active in football for two years and baseball for one year.

He plans to attend North Central Texas College before moving to the University of North Texas or the University of Baylor.

Marissa N. Becker

Marissa N. Becker is a 2011 graduate of Clark High School, San Antonio, Texas. She is the daughter of Todd Becker and Twana Becker. She is the granddaughter of Richard Lowe and Betty and Durrett Collins.

Marissa was a member of the National Honor Society, Top Cat Dance Team, varsity dance and the Interact Club.

She plans to attend Oklahoma State University, Stillwater.

Samantha Moody

Samantha Moody is a 2011 graduate of Tishomingo High School, Tishomingo, Okla. She is the daughter of Sonya Godwin and Norman Blue and the late David L. Moody, Sr. She is the granddaughter of Susan Anoatubby and Simon Wright.

Samantha plans are to attend college at Murray State College, Tishomingo and start a family.

Daniel Christian Charles

Daniel Christian Charles is a 2011 graduate of John Horn High School, Mesquite, Texas. He is the son of Chris and Asani Charles. He is the grandson of Shirley Bell and Proctor Charles and the eldest grandson of Dianna Chanel and Frank Toddy Winfrey.

Daniel is a spirited leader working with Fellowship of Christian Athletes and motivating his varsity football teammates. He performs as a rapper Yung 1. His accomplishments include recording an album, touring all over Texas and performing live on Broadway with the cast of the Which Way show.

His plans are to continue working in the entertainment field while studying to be a football coach.

Marcia Christine Gibson

Marcia Christine Gibson is a 2011 graduate of Texas A&M University, College Station. She is the daughter of Steve and Lisa Gibson, Tomball, Texas. She is the granddaughter of Noweta Whiting Underwood and the great-granddaughter of Lillian Sacra, an original enrollee.

Marcia received her Bachelor of Environmental Design degree at the ceremony conduted May 13, 2011 at the Reed Arena at TAMU. She majored in environmental design and minored in business administration. She plans to be a summer intern at Dallas and will attend LSU this fall to pursue her Masters of Architecture degree.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Chickasaw Nation for their help and support. It meant a great deal to Marcia and her entire family.

Jennifer Renee Miller

Jennifer Renee Miller is a 2011 graduate of Arizona State University, New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences. She is the daughter of Scott and Sheila Miller, of Glendale, Ariz. She is the granddaughter of June Miller, of Phoenix and Durwood and Norma Miller, of Glendale.

Jennifer graduated Magna Cum Laude with Honors May 12, 2011 with a bachelors of arts in Communication Studies. While attending ASU she was employed with Discover where she worked part-time during the school year and full-time during the summer. She recently applied for a new position with Discover and was competing with 24 other applicants for one of seven positions on a new team within Discover. She was chosen to receive a position and pay raise. This new position incorporates the knowledge and skills she received while earning her degree in social communications. She looks forward to continuing her career within the company and incorporating all that she has learned.

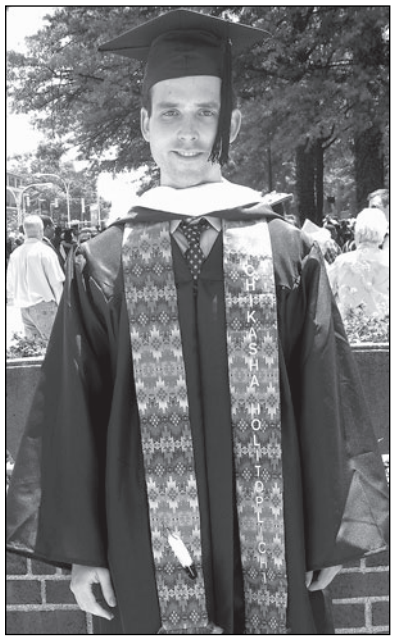
Her family is very proud of her hard work and diligence during these past five years and look forward with anticipation to all she will accomplish in the future.

Aftan Hill

Aftan Hill is a 2011 graduate of Columbus State University, Columbus, Ga. She is the daughter of Andy Hill, of Clemscott, Okla., and Lori Hill, of Phoenix City, Ala.

Aftan graduate December 10, 2010 with a bachelor of science degree in Health and Physical Education. She currently teaches elementary school and is a physical education teacher.

Christopher E. Meier



Christopher E. Meier is a 2011 graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, Va. He is the son of Linda C. (Chickasaw) and Gerlad E. Meier. He is the grandson of Carolyn A. (Chickasaw) and Gerald Ainsworth and Patricia and Ernest Meier. He is the great-grandson of original enrollee Tommy Katherine Myers and Lawrence Glenn Christie.

Chris graduated Magna Cum Laude from the College of Science and Humanities' L. Douglas Wilder School of Government & Public Affairs at Virginia Commonwealth University on May 21, 2011.

He served as past president of the Economics Club, was a member of the VCU Cycling Club and was a member of VCU's pre-law society. An avid cyclist, Chris also enjoys writing, reading, playing his guitar, and participating in group sports, especially soccer and basketball.

Chris plans to go on to law school in the fall.

David Lee Billing, Jr.

David Lee Billling, Jr., is a 2011 graduate of Harvard University. He is the son of Dave and Elaine Billing. He is the grandson of Clare (Bill) Billing and the late Roberta Billing.

David is the recipient of the Thomas T. Hoopes prize. The Hoopes prize is one of the highest academic commendations the University bestows on an undergraduate and is awarded for outstanding scholarly research. His submission "Investigating the Role of TRCPC5 and TRCPC6 in Actin Cytoskeletal Dynamics in the Podocyte" was awarded the prize May 5, 2011. David was also a member of Native Americans at Harvard and served as co-director of the Native American Youth Enrichment Program, which serves children of all tribal ancestries from across the Boston area.

David plans to attend Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons this summer where he will pursue a dual MD/PhD degree.

Military care packages

The Chickasaw Nation distributes military care packages to individuals stationed away from their permanent residences.

The military care package distribution list is made up of Chickasaws, spouses of Chickasaws, Chickasaw Nation employees, spouses of employees and children of employees on active duty and stationed away from their permanent residences.

If you know men or women who fit the criteria and would like to add them to the military care package list, **please contact Ms. Joy Barrick at (580) 310-6451 or joy.barrick@chickasaw.net.**

Thank you for your assistance and for supporting our troops!

Patricia Louise Bowman

Patricia Louise Bowman (Brumley), 78, of Pinole, Calif., died May 10, 2011. She was born July 12, 1932 at Ada, Okla.

She was a real arrow-shootin' Chickasaw. She found her true love when she met Don Bowman, who died December 20, 1992.

She was fun, loving, thoughtful, giving and spontaneous. She loved playing bridge, golf shopping for antiques, reading biographies, genealogy, listening to Jazz and Big Band records and watching Lawrence Welk on Saturday nights. Most of all she enjoyed spending time with family, the love she had for her children and grandchildren was her true essence.

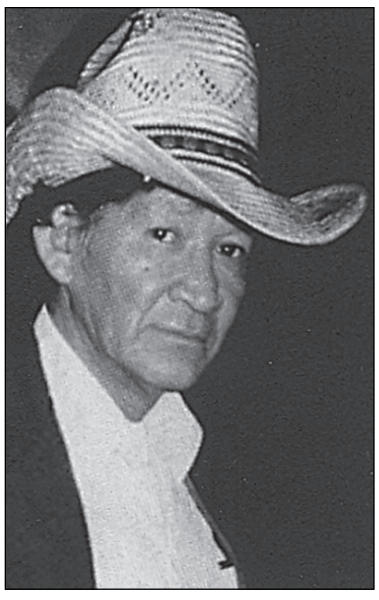
She was preceded in death by her mother, Thelma; father, Loss; and son Dennis.

She is survived by her children, Rene, Tad, Dana, David and Dani Lynn; grandchildren John, Jennifer, Randy, Trevor, Tatijana, Nastassja, Paloma and Xavier; seven great-grandchildren; and a brother, Glenn Eddie Brumley.

We appreciate all who have loved and showed great affection for our Mother, especially Gayle Lynn Brumley and Staci Arnett.

Our beautiful Mother was our best friend and we loved her dearly. We will always and forever miss her.

James "Stefkie" Holden Jr.



James 'Stefkie" Holden Jr., 80, died March 16, 2011 at his home in Lander, Wyo. Services were March 24 at the Chapel of Mount Hope, Hudson Funeral Home. Cremation was his wishes and the he remains in the mountains and lakes of Wyoming. A small rememberence was conducted by his nieces in Cleo Springs with his beloved sister.

He was born April 12, 1930 at Fillmore, Okla., to Baptist minister James Holden, Sr., and Emma (Humes) Holden, both original enrollees. He was a member of the Chickasaw Nation and spoke the Chickasaw language.

He started driving 18-wheelers at the age of 16 and drove a truck in Oklahoma and worked in the oil fields. After moving to Wyoming he was a brick layer. He also worked at the Wyoming State Training School, in Lander, until he retired.

He enjoyed rodeos, fishing and his music. In his earlier years he sang gospel songs in Chickasaw with his brother Johnson on the KOMA radio station. They also sang gospel songs in Chickasaw at different churches in the Oklahoma area.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Earl Lowery and Johnson Holden; sisters, Josie Imotichey, Mary Fillmore, Juanita Byars and Daisy Louise Jones; an infant brother; a step-grandson; a great-granddaughter; and two step great-granddaughters.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Florence Holden, of Lander; daughters, Sharon Nelson and Freda Hurtado.; six stepchildren, Mike, David, Kenny and Todd Calvert and Theresa Krueger, all of Wyoming and Becky Holden Wallace, of Tishomingo, Okla.; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Grace Connelly Lloyd

Grace (Connelly) Lloyd, 97, of Fort Worth, died May 17, 2011. Services were May 20 at Laurel Land Funeral Home.

She was born in the same house as her father and had fond memories from that know fact.

She was a proud Chickasaw citizen of the Ish Clan and was the granddaugther of original enrollee John William Connelly (formerly John Ish before adopted by a missionary). Her great-grandparents were Ish-Kah-nah (Chickasaw) and Elizabeth Hunter (Choctkaw). She was awarded a tribal elder pin from the Chickasaw Nation. She felt honored to wear the pin.

Mrs. Lloyd was an avid reader and a proficient writer who wrote poetry and had many poems published including in the Chickasaw Archives. She was a member of the Composers, Authors and Artists of America.

She loved to paint, cook, and play the piano. Her best moments were sitting around the piano with all the grandchildren and great-grandchildren singing songs such as Ten Little Indians and Way Down Yonder in the Pawpaw Patch.

She attended The Connelly School; an elementary school whom her grandmother Hannah (Powell) Connelly donated land to have built for the neighboring children. It is now listed as a Historical Marker by the State of Oklahoma.

She received her associates of arts degree at 76 and pursued other studies at Texas Christian University from age 41 to 81. She thought education was the way to keep a keen, sharp mind. She relished in the knowledge learned in higher education and loved to share it.

She loved the Dallas Cowboys, the Texas Rangers, and the Saint Louis Cardinals. Mrs. Lloyd was a big sports fan for all three teams.

She attended University Baptist Church and was the third oldest member in her church with 2 others just a year older than she.

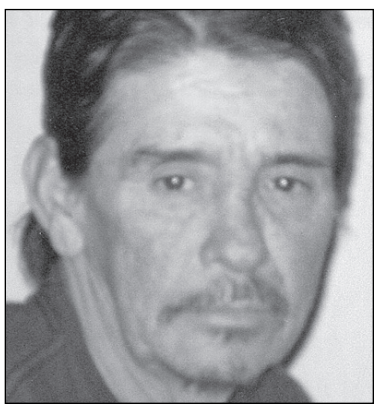
She was preceded in death by her husband Linwood Matterson Lloyd; her parents; and two great-grandchildren.

She is survived by daughters Linda Millikan, of Waxahachie, Texas and Rita Payne, of Fort Worth; grandchildren David Millikan, of Davis, Okla., Shari Waldrop, of Waxahachie, Paula Wyman, of Fort Worth and Kyle Payne, of Lewisville, Texas; great-grandchildren Erica Billingslea, of Dallas, Misty Millikan, of Burleson, Texas, Christian and Matthew Wyman of Fort Worth, Maggie Kindsfather, of Fort Worth, and Sara Kersten of Waxahachie; great-great-grandchildren Laken Billingslea of Dallas,and Nolan and Ryan Rice of Burleson; and many nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Richard Payne, Michael Waldrop, Edward Wyman, Kyle Payne, Chase Rice, and Christian Wyman.

Many knew her as Mammo from the grandchildren. We will deeply miss you, and we all love you.

Virgil Anthony "Tony" Cantrell



Virgil Anthony "Tony" Cantrell, 50, died April 22, 2011 at Denton, Texas. Graveside services were April 29 at Provence Cemetery with Pastor Morgan Ashworth officiating.

Mr. Cantrell was born Sept. 20, 1960 at Artesia, N.M., to Louis La Vern Cantrell and Josephine (Sewell) Cantrell.

He attended Dickson Schools as a child. He was a carpenter by trade and worked throughout the area. He served his country by enlisting in the Oklahoma Army National Guard and served until he received an honorable discharge. Mr. Cantrell enjoyed working crossword puzzles and was a movie buff. His heritage as a Mississippi-Choctaw and his family were very important to him.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Nettie Newman, Teena Coopedge; brothers, Lenny Cantrell, Wiley Gene Sewell; and nephew Adam Waltz.

He is survived by his daughters, Haley Amanda Cantrell, of Tulsa and her two children, Tommy James Millsap, II and wife, Taylor Shea-Lynn Millsap, of Dickson, Okla., and Angela Duncan and her two children of Wichita, Kans.; a brother, Eddie Cantrell and wife, Mary Kay, of Ardmore, Okla., three sisters, Tanda Duncan and husband, Danny, of Madill, Okla., Iva Jo Jones, of Ardmore, and Camille Bean, of Ardmore; nephews Jay Hoskins, Bob Newman, Tim Maxville, Dustin Keith and Charlie Bean; nieces, Cheryl Kay Hudson, Mary Butler, Audra Bell, Jessica Bean and Molly Cantrell; and a multitude of friends.

Pallbearers were Jay Hoskins, Chris Cantrell, Tim Maxville, Charlie Bean, Jeremy Cantrell and Bob Newman. Honorary pallbearers were his nieces and nephews.

Condolences may be left at www.Griffin-HillcrestFH.com

Earnie Earl Miller

Earnie Earl Miller, 57, died May 9, 2011. Services were May 11 at the Healdton Assembly of God with the Revs. Jimmy May and Quintin Newton officiating. Burial followed at Dixie Cemetery in Stephens County north of Ringling, Okla.

Mr. Miller was born October 23, 1953 to Cain "C.B." and Flossie "Flo" (Redden) Miller at Duncan, Okla.

He operated a backhoe and drove a truck for the last 21 years for Withers Trucking. He loved music and was a talented musician who gave Elvis a run for his money. He sang and played for several bands throughout the years with the latest being Joker's Wild Band and Kountry Classic Band.

Mr. Miller was a talented man who could make treasure out of trash. He restored automobiles and motorcycles and built a customized scooter for his grandkids. He loved horses and kids - the more the better. He was a fearless man who met every challenge with a smile and "git r done" spirit.

He never missed an opportunity to express how much he loved all his family. His house was always open to anyone who needed a helping hand. If having friends was a competition, he would be declared the winner. He loved camping at the lake, going to the dunes with his dune buggy, taking family vacations to Eureka Springs, but most of all he loved sitting on his back patio watching his grandkids shoot hoops or ride the golf cart.

He was saved as a child and was baptized May 9, 2007 at the Healdton Assembly of God. He was proud of being a descendant of Chickasaw Governor Winchester Colbert.

He married Rubetta Rose Feb. 24, 1970 at Gainesville, Texas. They were blessed with three daughters Linda Lee Ann Webb, Misty Dawn Howell and Julie Erna Grant and a son, Codi Allen Miller.

He was preceded in death by his parents; grandparents Earl and Lola Miller and Earnest and Bertha Redden; sister-in-law Paula Miller; and infant son Earnest Earl Miller, Jr.

He is survived by his wife, Rubetta Rose; three daughters, Linda LeeAnn Webb and husband, Ronnie, Misty Dawn Howell, and Julie Erna Grant and husband, Eric; a son, Codi Allen Miller and wife, Jessica, all of Healdton; two special kids he considered his own, Lori Kirkpatrick and husband, Joe and Larry Don Roberts and wife Kristie; grandchildren, Cameron and Ramsey Webb, Macey Howell, Regan and Denton Miller, Earnest Lane, Tommie Kane "TK", Brock Grant, and Heavenly and Jamaica Kirkpatrick; his siblings, Bobbie Miller, of Ardmore, Okla., Alex Miller, of Wilson, Okla., Betty and John Stanton, of Ringling, Linda and Buddy Jackson, of Healdton; brothers and sisters-in-laws, Don and Jolene Lewis, Dink and Lisa Rose, Winona Rose and Duane and Lee Thomspon, all of Healdton; numerous nieces and nephews.

Casket bearers were Alex Miller, Michael Miller, Buddy Withers, Larry Don Roberts, Dink Rose and Tony Brittain.

Honorary Bearers were Zack Miller, Alan Roberts, Freddie Roberts, Jimmy Roberts, Bobby Jake Roberts, Lester Wayne Roberts, Joe Mac Roberts, Kevin Henderson, Danny Murray, Dusty Miller, Tom Worsham, Tim Coffman, Mike Phillips, Leo Sears, Chaz Carr, all of his nephews, Cross Timbers Hospice, Darryl at Davita Dialysis, all of his former band members and his sand dune friends.

Memorial donations can be made to Cross Timbers Hospice at 207 C Street Northwest, Ardmore, OK 73401.

Condolences may be sent online at www.alexanderfuneralhome.org

Sequoia Colbert

Sequoia Colbert, 79, of Benton, Mo., died May 14, 2011, at his home. He was born to original enrollee Benjamin Horace and Ruth Lee Graff Colbert at Oklahoma City.

He married Thomisa Louise Schneider and adopted her 2 children, Donald and Patricia. Later on a girl, LoriJo, was born to them.

He was a Chickasaw citizen and Mason, Lake Lodge 157.

Much of his life was spent on the road, coast to coast, as a driver of semi-trucks, except about 16 years as a journeyman ironworker (welder). His wife joined him on the road after their children left the home.

A lifelong reader of books, he also attended movies when possible, and watched television while at truck stops. Most of all, he enjoyed fishing for bass.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; his sister and her husband, Pacaunla and Jess Dowell; and his miniature Schnauzer, Tixie, who guarded his truck and comforted him through his troubles.

He is survived by children Donald, Patricia and LoriJo and Scott Barney, of Dawsonville, Ga.; two sisters, Tonopah Colbert, of Denver, Colo., and Sally and James Clouser, of Tucson; a nephew; two nieces; two uncles; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several cousins.

At his request, cremation took place.

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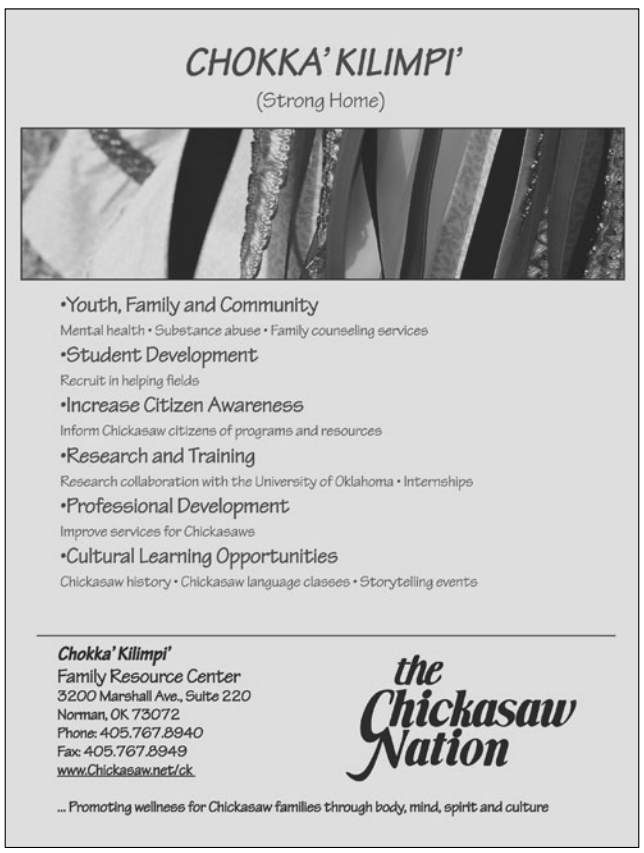
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MAY 2011 RESOLUTIONS

General Resolution Number 28-024

Authorization to Provide Pharmaceutical Services to Non-Indian Spouses of Chickasaws and Other Federally Recognized Indian Tribes

Explanation: This resolution authorizes the Chickasaw Nation, through its Medical Solutions Department, to provide pharmaceutical services to the non-Indian spouses of Chickasaws and other federally recognized Indian tribes. The Chickasaw Nation Division of Commerce will begin providing pharmaceutical services through its Medical Solutions Department upon negotiations and approval of an amendment to the Indian Health Services Annual Funding Agreement.

Presented by: Legislative Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

General Resolution Number 28-026

Resolution in Support of the City of Sulphur's Bureau of Reclamation Grant Proposal

Explanation: This resolution confirms the Chickasaw Nation's support of the City of Sulphur's grant proposal to the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, whereby the City of Sulphur is seeking funding to conduct an appraisal and feasibility study for the construction of a pipeline from the Lake of the Arbuckles to the City of Sulphur. Sulphur is working to shift its municipal water supply from groundwater wells to surface water. This will greatly reduce the City of Sulphur's impact on the springs in the Chickasaw Nation Recreation Area.

Presented by: Legislative Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

General Resolution Number 28-027

Application for Grants under the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Circles of Care V: Infrastructure Development for Children's Mental Health Systems in American Indian Communities

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for federal funding to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Circles of Care V: Infrastructure Development for Children's Mental Health Systems in American Indian Communities. Funds from this grant will further develop and enhance the Chickasaw Nation Chokka-chaffa' Kilimpi program and reduce the gap between the need for mental health services and the availability and coordination of mental health services in American Indian communities for children, youth and young adults from birth through age 25, and their families, in the Chickasaw Nation. The proposed project supports the mission of the Chickasaw Nation to increase services that enhance the overall quality of life of Chickasaw citizens and will assist the Nation in meeting a priority of its strategic plan of improved mental health services focused on a holistic family-centered model of care. The grant proposal is not to exceed $311,140 per year for up to three (3) years.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

General Resolution Number 28-028

Assurances for the Indian Community Development Block Grant Program U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Southern Plains Office of Native American Programs

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for Indian Community Development Block Grant for a community facility funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, for the establishment of a community facility in which family members of Chickasaw Nation Medical Center patients may stay overnight at reduced or no cost, in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma.

General Resolution Number 26-050 was approved to apply for funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009: however, funding was not awarded. Therefore, the Chickasaw Nation desires to apply for funding for the same purposes through an Indian Community Development Block Grant.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

General Resolution Number 28-029

Citation in Recognition of Lt. Governor Jefferson E. Keel

Explanation: This resolution is a Citation in Recognition of Lt. Governor Jefferson E. Keel in recognition of his many years of successful and selfless public service to his tribe, State, country and mankind.

Emergency Legislation: This resolution is needed prior to induction ceremonies on June 13, 2011.

Presented By: Legislative Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Human Resources Committee
May 9, 2011

Present: Dean McManus, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, David Woerz

Land Development Committee
May 9, 2011

Present: Linda Briggs, Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green, David Woerz

Absent: Steve Woods

Legislative Committee
May 9, 2011

Present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Steve Woods

May 17, 2011

Present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods

Absent: Scott Colbert, David Woerz

May 20, 2011

Present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

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April 15, 2011

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson David Woerz called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond Toby Perkins Steve Woods, David Woerz

Member absent: Dean McManus

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present: Sharon Zack, S. Ashley Large, Tony Choate, Ron Frazier

Chairperson Woerz appointed Mr. Scott Colbert to serve as Secretary Pro Tempore, in the absence of Ms. McManus.

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 **READING OF MINUTES** - March 18, 2011

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Case to approve the minutes of March 18, 2011.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

12 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of March 18, 2011, carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(A) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairperson David Woerz

Chairperson Woerz appointed Mr. Scott Colbert to serve as Committee Chair Pro Tempore. Mr. Scott Colbert reported there was no new business to be brought before the Legislature, and concluded his report.

(B) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Steve Woods

Permanent Resolution Number 28-003, Amendments to Title 16, Section 16-207 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Legislature and Legislation)

This resolution amends Section 16-207 of the Chickasaw Nation Code so that it accurately describes the procedures of the Legislature while in session.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods and seconded by Ms. Briggs to approve PR28-003.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

12 yes votes

The motion to approve PR28-003 carried unanimously.

Mr. Woods concluded his report.

(C) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Scott Colbert

No report

(D) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Dean McManus

Ms. Green served as Committee Chair Pro Tempore in the absence of Ms. McManus.

General Resolution Number GR28-023, Application for Grants under the U.S. Department of Justice Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation

The fiscal year 2011 cycle of Department of Justice grants to tribes has been released. The Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation application will be made for one purpose area: Community Oriented Policing (COPS). The COPS grant will provide funding for vehicles including one tactical vehicle, one mobile surveillance tower (M.U.S.T.) van, five Dodge Charger vehicles and four Chevrolet Tahoe vehicles and training for 30 sworn officers to increase the capacity of the Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police Department (LPD) for safer communities and to enhance the ability of LPD to prevent, solve and control crime in the Chickasaw Nation.

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Ms. Barker to approve GR28-023.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR28-023 carried unanimously.

Ms. Green concluded her report.

(E) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 28-025, Recreational Lease No. G09-1766 in Bryan County

This resolution approves Recreational Lease No. G09-1766, for recreational purposes, on property belonging to the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations in Bryan County, Oklahoma, containing 132 acres, more or less, in favor of Rick Raney. The proposed lease will be for a five (5) year term beginning January 1, 2011, and expiring on December 31, 2015, with a per annum payment of $826.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $206.50.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR28-025.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins,

9 yes votes

Members voting no: Tim Colbert, Steve Woods, David Woerz

3 no votes

The motion to approve GR28-025 carried.

Ms. Briggs concluded her report.

(F) HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Connie Barker

No report.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

There was no new business to discuss or comments from citizens.

AGENDA ITEM #8 **ADJOURNMENT**

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dean McManus, Secretary Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

Prepared by: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

2010-2011 Tribal Legislature

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